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TARGET HITS AND MISSES

Editors' Page

The Editors Write:

Hi, Gang—

We've got a really serious problem to put to you this trip, for the 1945 Infantile Paralysis Drive will be in full swing fairly soon. It will be up to you all to make it a real success.

Millions of individual dimes and dollars, contributed by almost 50,000,000 Americans to the 1944 March of Dimes, are now at work proving the essential humanity of the American way of doing things. The combined power of these dimes is giving children all over the country in areas invaded by infantile paralysis the best care that medical science offers today.

Today dimes and dollars are fighting a war of time against twisted limbs and spines! They are providing early medical care which may mean the difference between a life of crippling or normal recovery. They are placing respirators, wool for hot packs, and other necessary supplies at strategic points.

The March of Dimes is truly doing a magnificent job.

How about it, gang? We've all had a pretty swell time of it these past few weeks what with Christmas and its tinseled trees, beribboned gifts, stuffed turkey, and plum pudding. Now we'll do our level best to help those far less fortunate than we. Keep the dimes on the march, readers. We're counting on you!

Cordially yours,

THE EDITORS

The Readers Write:

Dear Editors:

I like TARGET COMICS a great deal, especially The Cadet and Speck, Spot and Sis. They are my favorites. I think that TARGET COMICS is the best comic book I have ever read.

I think the new game of Q's and A's is a lot of fun. Especially, if you don't look at the answers beforehand.

Yours truly,
Bernice Skwiersky
New York, N. Y.

Thanks for that complimentary letter, Bernice, and we're glad the Q & A feature has made a hit with you.

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Dear Editors:

I have just finished reading TARGET COMICS. I like TARGET very much and wish they would come out more often.

My favorite stories are Speck, Spot and Sis and The Cadet. I know a lot of people would disagree with me about The Cadet but I like him just the same.

I have six $25 War Bonds and hope to buy some more to help beat the Axis.

Yours truly,
J. K. Brock, Jr.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

There are very few readers who don't think The Cadet is tops, J. K. You're one of the many who choose him as their favorite.

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Dear Editors:

My pals and I think your Q & A feature is swell. Even my mom and dad like it. Leave it to TARGET COMICS to be original.

Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,
Carl Grover
Compton, California

Sure glad you like the Q & A feature, Carl. It's a big hit with TARGET readers.

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Dear Editors:

I like TARGET COMICS very much, especially Candid Charlie; but I think you should have more Targetoons.

I like the Q's and A's very much, although some are very hard and some are very easy. I agree with most of the readers that you should keep Al T Tude in TARGET and take out Bull's-Eye Bill.

All in all, I think TARGET is the best comic book I've ever read.

Yours truly,
Mac Parker
Arlington, Va.

We're still trying to determine which is the more popular, Mac — Bull's-Eye Bill or Al T Tude. The trouble is that according to the letters we're receiving they're running neck and neck.

Dear Editors:

I agree that there should be more Targetoons but I don't see where Al T Tude is so much better than Bull's-Eye Bill. I think that they should both have their turn.

I have one War Bond and have started another one, but I turned the stamps over to my little sister and I am now buying stamps for her.

Sincerely yours,
John Klobucher
Kellogg, Idaho

It's really nice of you to start your younger sister collecting War Stamps, John. Keep up the good work.

Dear Editors:

I think TARGET is better than any other comic because it has such nice stories in it. I like The Cadet the best of all. Then I like Al T Tude and then Speck, Spot and Sis. I am going to buy TARGET COMICS every month.

Sincerely yours,
Mae Eizler
Detroit, Mich.

There's another booster for Al T Tude, gang.

Dear Editors:

I have just finished reading the latest issue of TARGET and I like it very much, but I think you should have more Targetoons.

I like Bull's-Eye Bill better than Al T Tude any day.

Yours truly,
Joseph Rizzo
Westerly, R. I.

And there's another rooter for Al T Tude. Come on, gang, and help us to decide one way or the other!!!

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$1.00 in War Stamps will be sent to the writer of each letter published on this page.

The CADET

FEATURING KIT CARTER

A DETOUR ON A LONELY ROAD LEADS THE CADETS TO A BLIND ALLEY. BUT THEY COME CRASHING THROUGH TO SMASH A NEFARIOUS GANG OF CRIMINALS!

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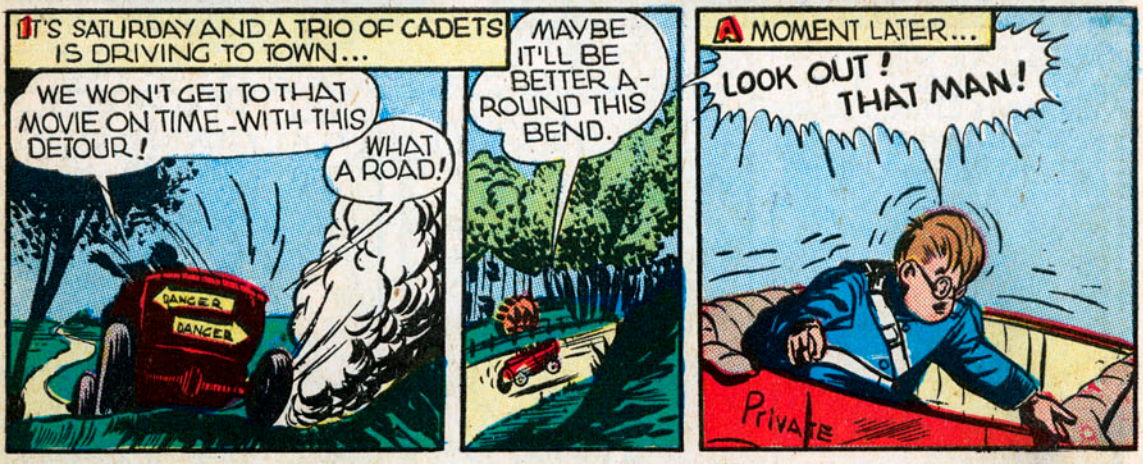
WALTER JOHNSON



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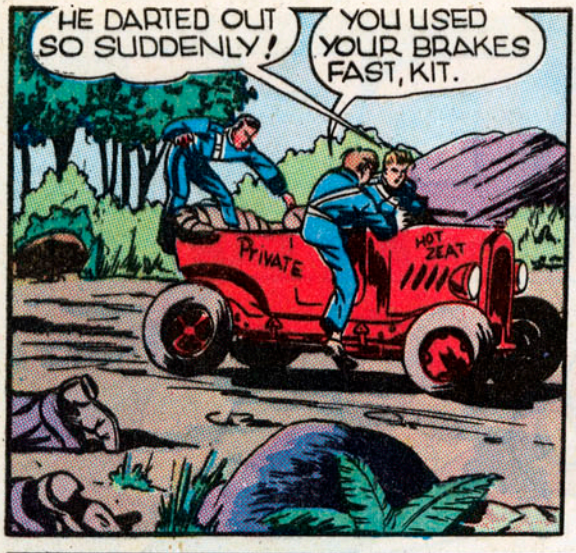

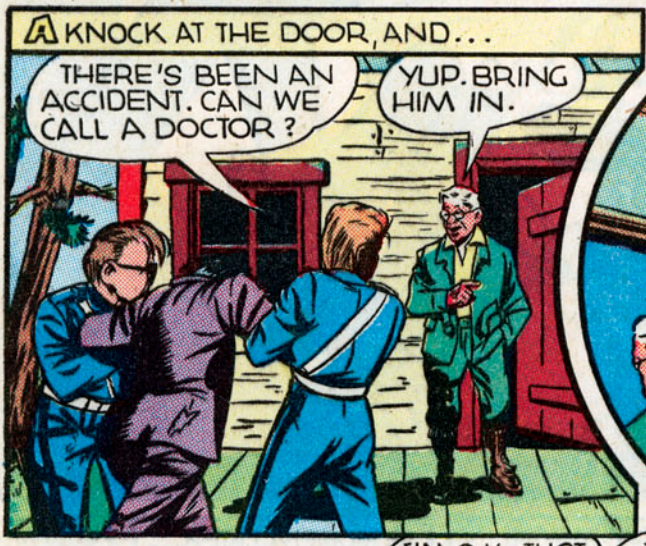

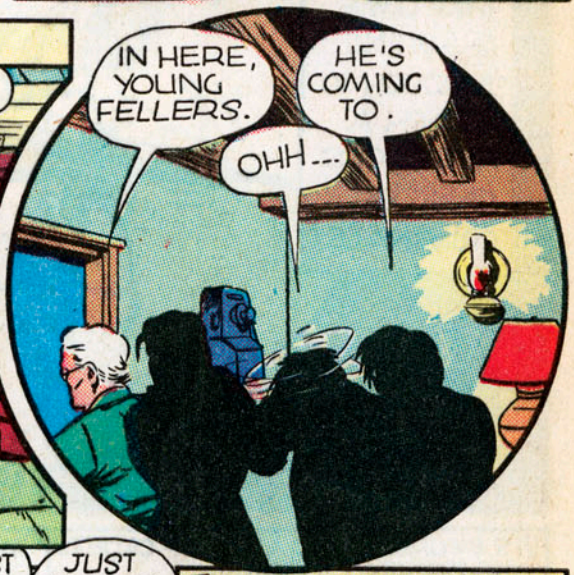

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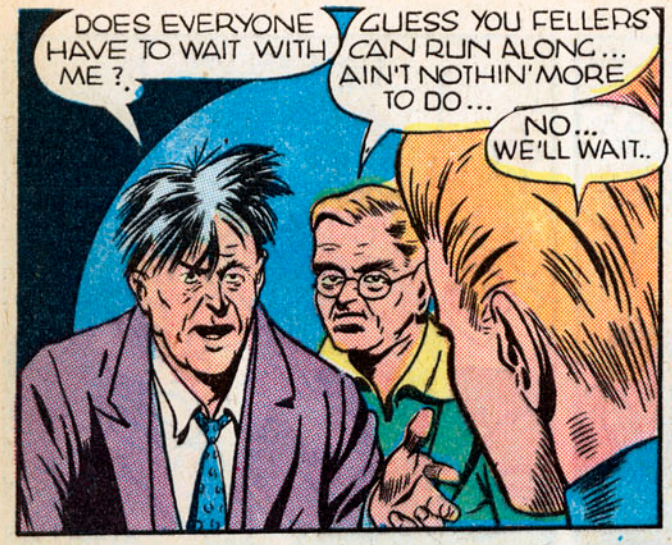

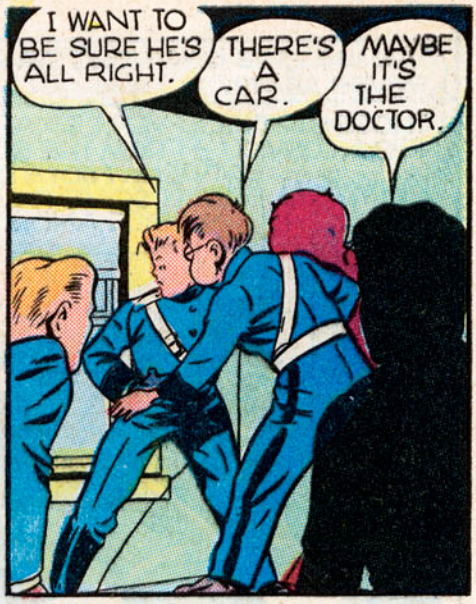

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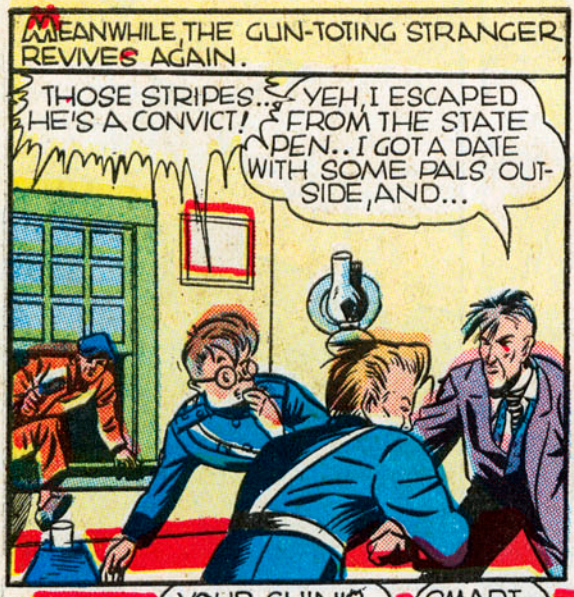

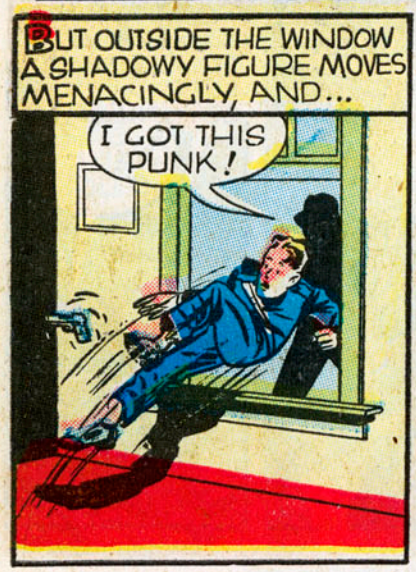

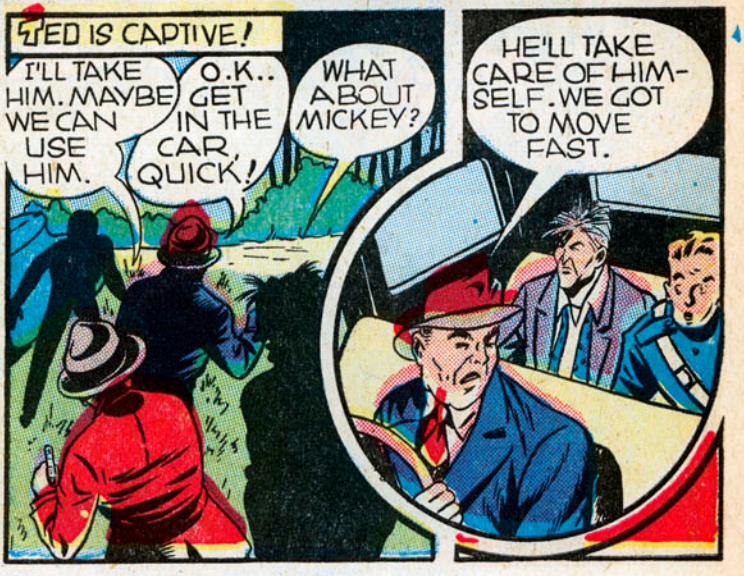

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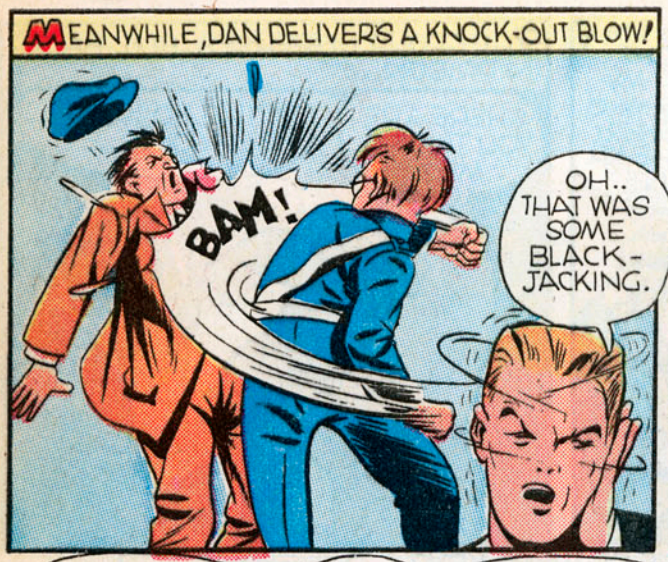
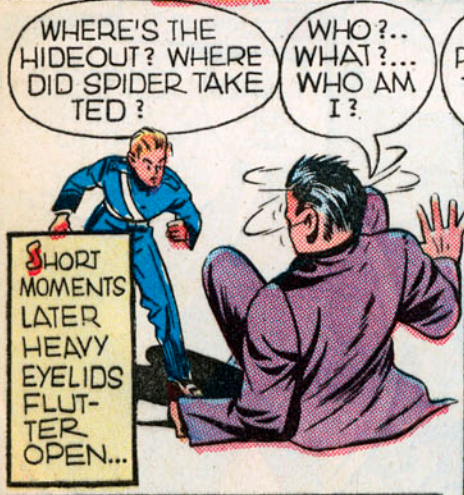
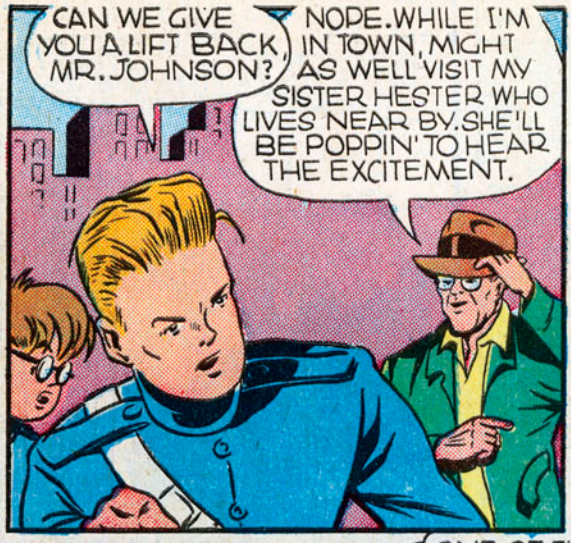
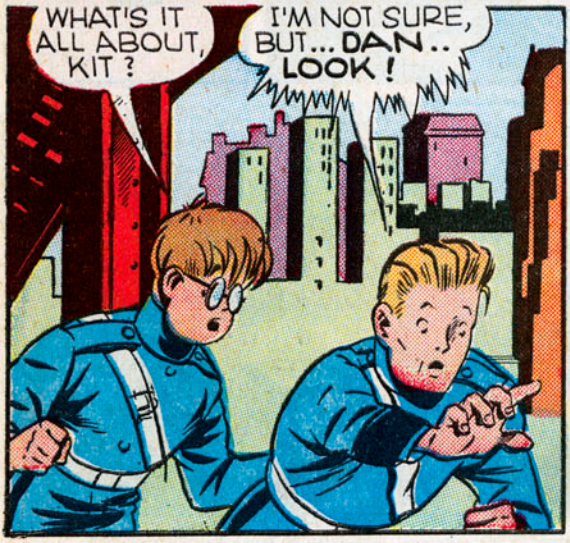
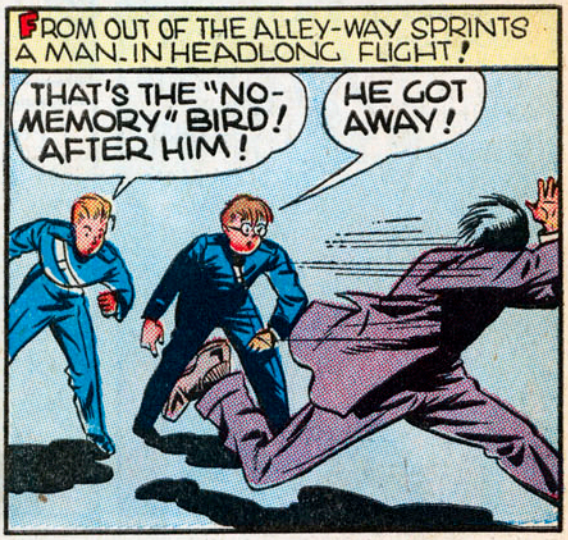




ANSWER No. 2 Amnesia. Pronounced--am-nee-zhi-uh.







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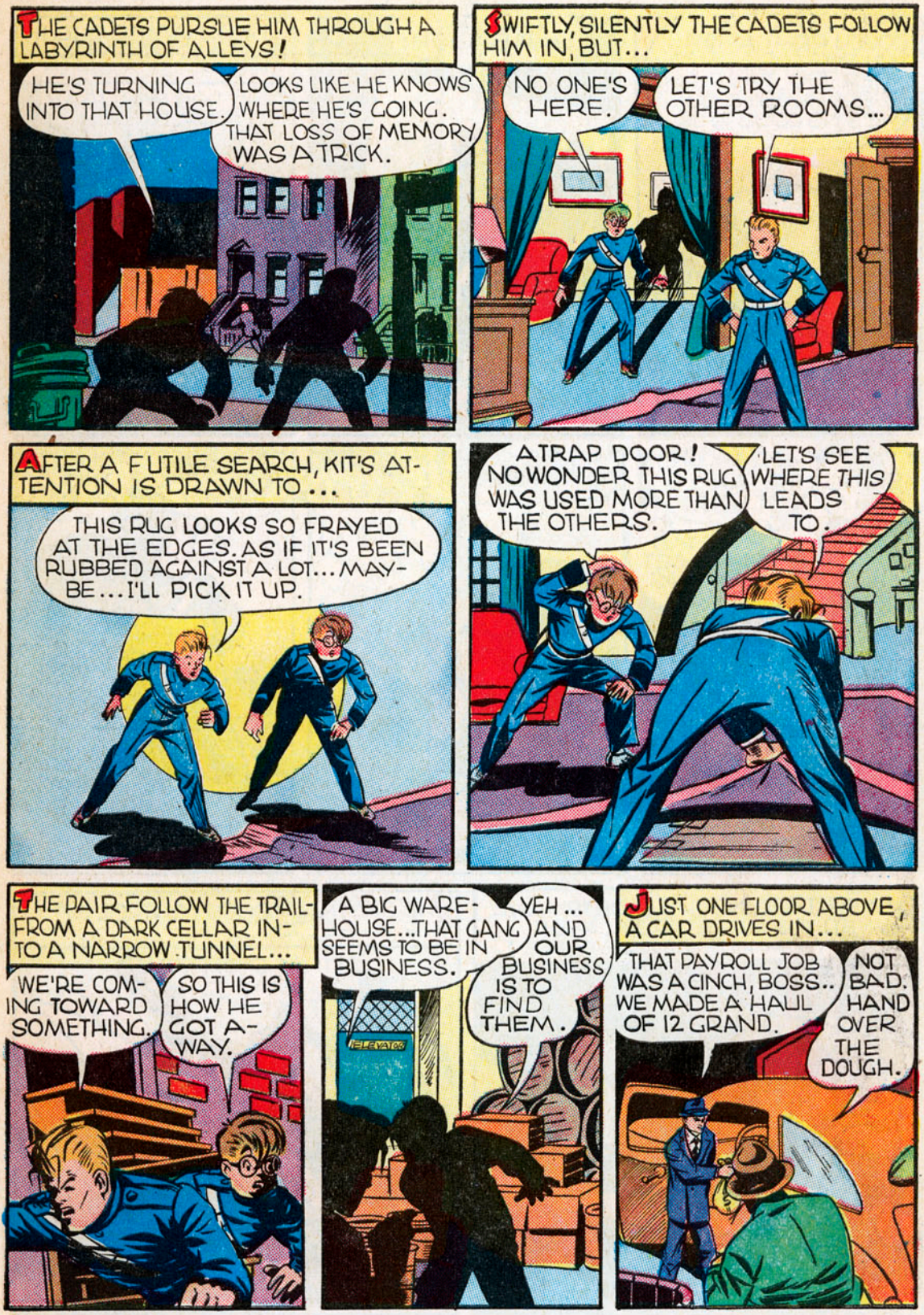

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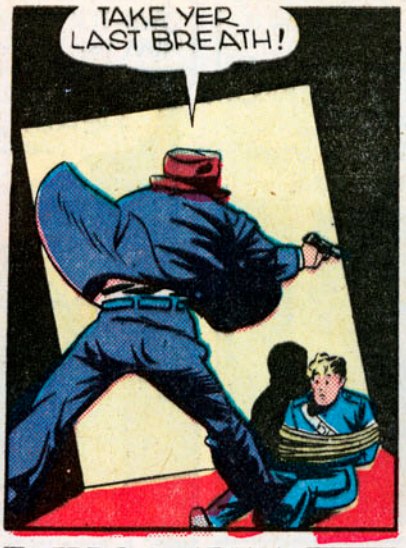
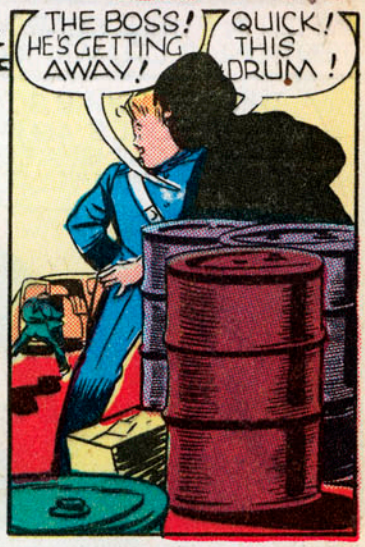
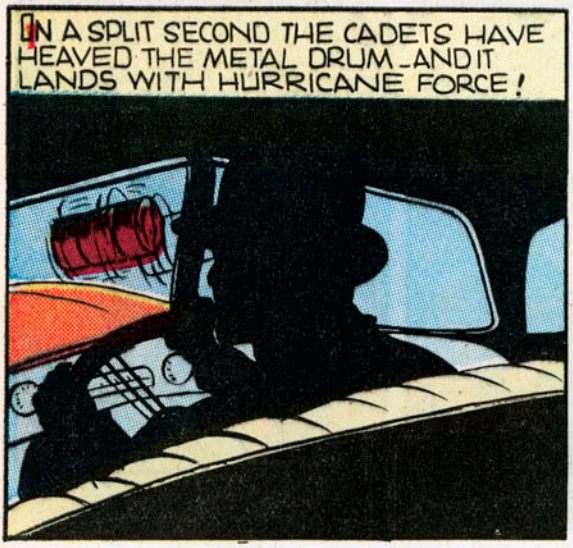
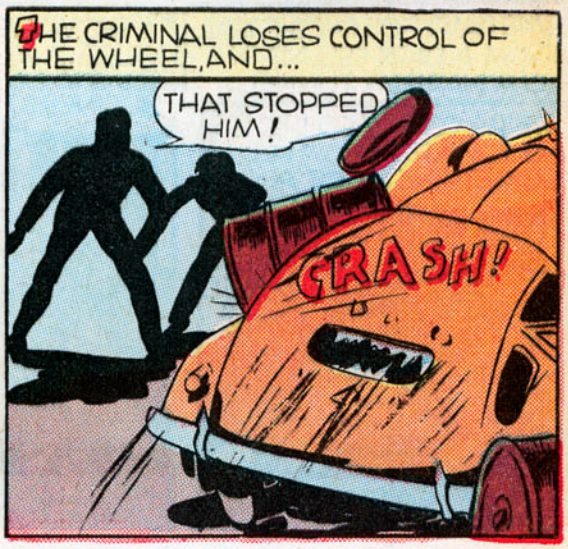








QUESTION No. 4. Which is most like a hurricane: typhoon, tycoon, pontoon?

THE BOSS IS PINIONED IN THE WRECK!

GET A BETTER GRIP ON ME, DAN...

HE CALLED ME BY NAME.

HE MUST HAVE MET US BEFORE.

AS THE RESCUE IS COMPLETED...

THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE YOU COULD HAVE MET US. YOU'RE THE FARMER!...SPECS, A WIG, A PUTTY NOSE. TALK!

ALL RIGHT!.. THE FARMHOUSE IS NEAR THE STATE PEN... ESCAPING PRISONERS KNEW I'D HELP THEM.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WE SAW AN ACCIDENT, CAME RUNNING OVER, AND IT TURNS OUT THIS GUY WAS IN ON THE PAYROLL ROBBERY.. THE DOUGH'S ON HIM.

THE REST OF THE GANG ARE IN THE WAREHOUSE..

AFTER THE ROUND-UP...

GREAT WORK, BOYS...THAT WAREHOUSE WAS FILLED WITH STOLEN GOODS. WE'RE HOLDING THE PHONY FARMER AS ACCESSORY TO MURDER!

MURDER?

HE SLIPPED A KNIFE TO THE FAKE AMNESIA VICTIM... A KNIFE THAT KILLED ONE OF OUR GUARDS!

WHAT A GANG!

KIT, WHEN DID YOU CATCH ON THAT THE FARMER WAS FAKING?

REMEMBER, WHEN I WAS GOING TO MAKE A PHONE CALL?.. I HAD SUDDENLY RECALLED THAT HE HAD TOLD US HE HAD PHONED FOR A DOCTOR. BUT NO DOCTOR SHOWED UP AT THE FARMHOUSE... I WAS ABOUT TO CHECK UP..

WELL, BACK TO DAUNTON. IT'S TOO LATE FOR THE MOVIE.

IT WAS ONLY A COPS AND ROBBERS PICTURE. WE DID A LOT BETTER BY OURSELVES!

ANSWER No. 4. A typhoon.

THE PIE

By DAVID T. MARKE

DICKIE was going to catch it now! This was the fourth time that he had been late and Mr. Henisen, the office manager, had warned him for the last time.

Dickie knew that he shouldn't have taken so long, but what was a fellow to do? He had started out on his route fully determined that this time he was going to collect every penny due the *Morning Herold*. And he had been successful, too! But that wouldn't count with Mr. Henisen. He expected as much.

"Gee, I need this job," he reflected. "I don't know what I'll do if I'm fired!" There weren't many jobs open for a fellow with a game leg.

Fver since he had been ten, he had been earning his own living. He had run errands and done whatever odd jobs had come his way. Then he had made his own shoe-shine box and had taken up his stand in front of the *Morning Herold* building. It hadn't been easy. The other boys had resented his poaching, but he had stuck it out. Gradually he had been accepted and had built up a steady trade.

Gramp Summit had been his best customer. He always stopped for a shine before going to his office. One memorable day he had gruffly handed him a dime, saying, "We need a boy for a newspaper route . . . The job's yours . . . hrmp . . . start in the morning . . . Mind you, don't be late!"

Just like that! Dickie barely gulped his thanks. This was his chance! Slowly he had built up his route until he had one of the largest in the city.

Now, all this was being jeopardized because he was going to report late again, and Mr. Henisen did not like people who did.

While Gramp had lived things had been different. No efficiency experts around to tell him when to report and how much to collect. "The trouble with Henisen is that he doesn't know human nature," muttered Dickie. "Not at all like Gramp."

"If Mrs. Jones doesn't pay this week," Gramp would say, "don't bother her. She'll pay when she can. Learn to know human nature, Dickie. Find out something about your customers. You'll learn soon enough who the deadbeats are. Now, you take this Mrs. Jones. She's been a good customer for years, and she'll pay up as soon as she can. No need to worry about her."

Dickie had swallowed up every word. Gramp had been his idol.

But Gramp was dead and in his place was Henisen, who knew all about efficiency. One day, when Dickie had been late for the third time, he had called him in. "See here, young man," he had begun pompously, "this is a business office. Every minute lost means money lost. We can't afford people who are always late. And, another thing! You're allowing Mrs. Jones to fall behind in her payments again. I won't have it. Make your full collections, and GET BACK HERE ON TIME, or else . . . " He had meant it, too!

"But, gee," muttered Dickie, reflecting back on that warning, "how could I collect from Mrs. Jones in full, and still get back to the office on time?"

He had told Mrs. Jones that if he didn't collect from her in full, he would lose his job. Mrs. Jones nodded her head. She knew what it was to lose a job. But try as she would, she was still fifteen cents short in the end. That had been tough! He couldn't come right out and offer to pay the difference himself. Not for such a nice lady like Mrs. Jones. And then it had come to him in a flash.

"Something smells mighty good, Mrs. Jones. Whatcha been baking?"

"Some apple pie, Dickie. Want a piece?"

"I sure would, but only if you'll let me pay fifteen cents for it."

They had both laughed at the neat way in which Dickie had gotten around it.

"Now I can pay in full," cried Mrs. Jones.

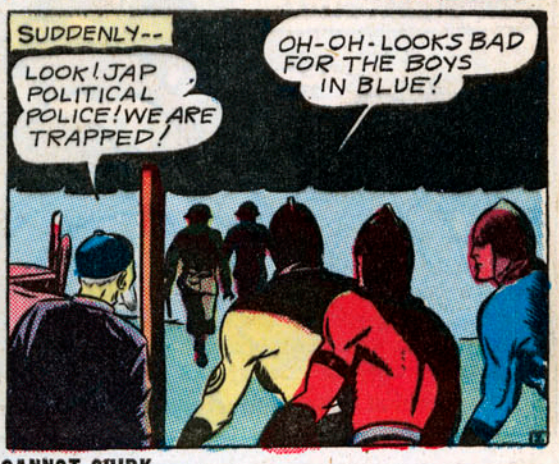
He had tried to get away without eating the pie, but Mrs. Jones insisted that he eat it all. Now eating pie takes time, and that is why he was late.

"Gee," cried Dickie, "that's my story, and I'm stuck with it!"

THE END

THE TARGET and the TARGETEERS

TARGET AND THE TARGETEERS BOLDLY FACE THE THREAT OF A TERRIBLE JAP VENGEANCE WHEN THEY REFUSE TO BETRAY A COMRADE, AND TURN THE TABLES ON THEIR ORIENTAL ENEMIES WITH TRUE AMERICAN INGENUITY!



OUR EDUCATION WE CANNOT SHIRK TO BE PREPARED FOR FUTURE WORK.

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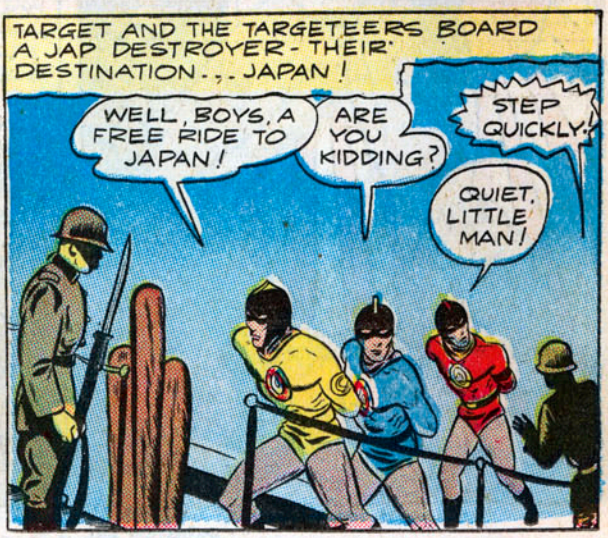


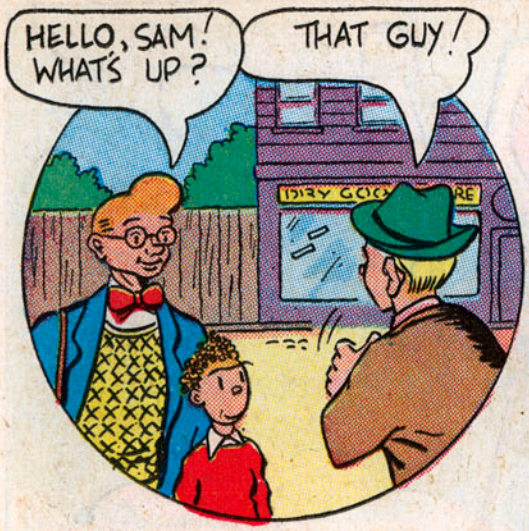
ANSWER No. 5. Korea and Chosen are two names for the same land.

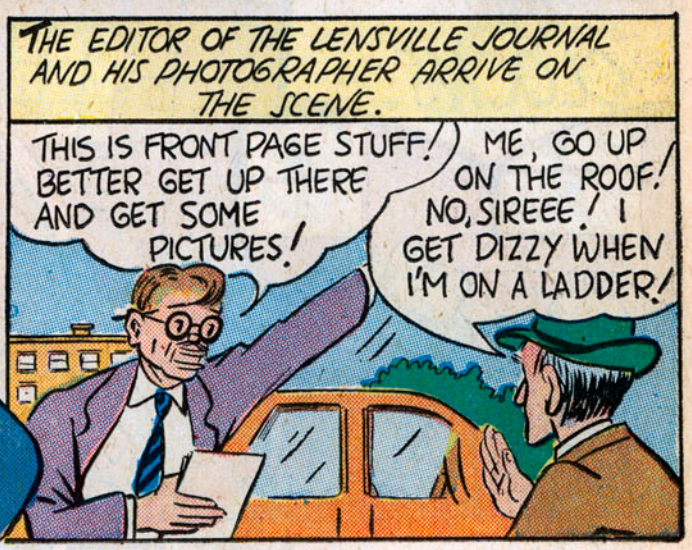
QUESTION No. 6. What is espionage?

ANSWER No. 6. Spying, or employing spies.

YOUR JOB HERE WHILE OUR MEN FIGHT IS JUST TO STUDY WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.

B's AND C's ARE VERY FINE
BUT A's WILL TOP THEM ANYTIME!





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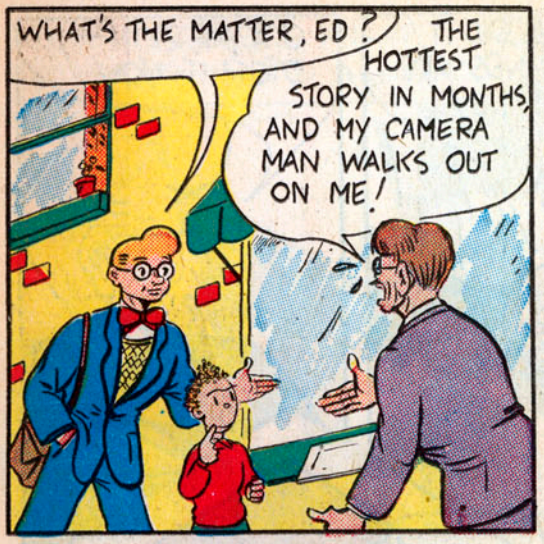
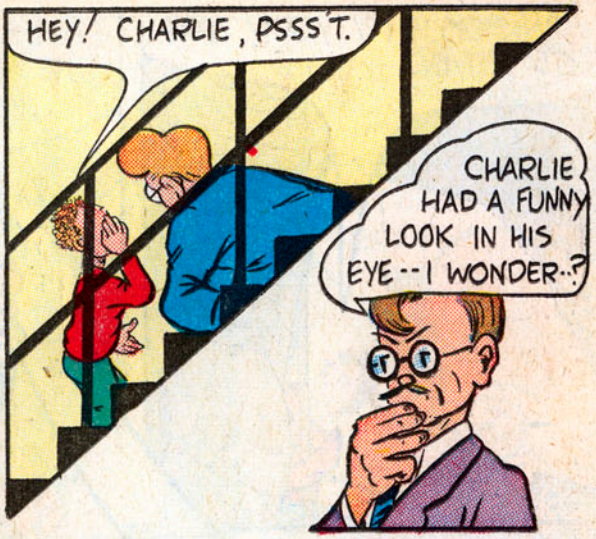
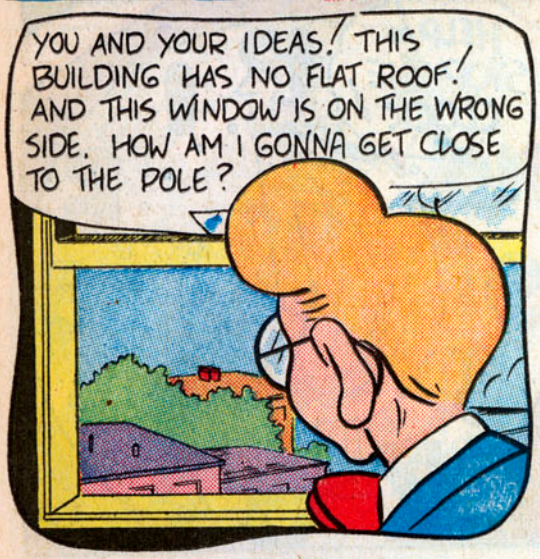
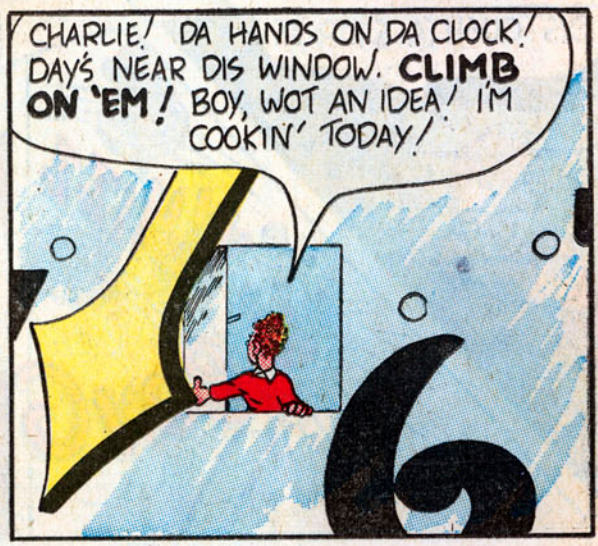
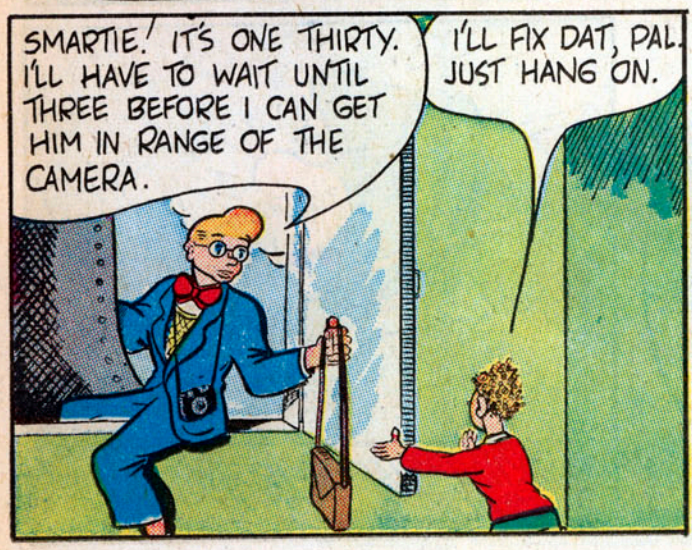
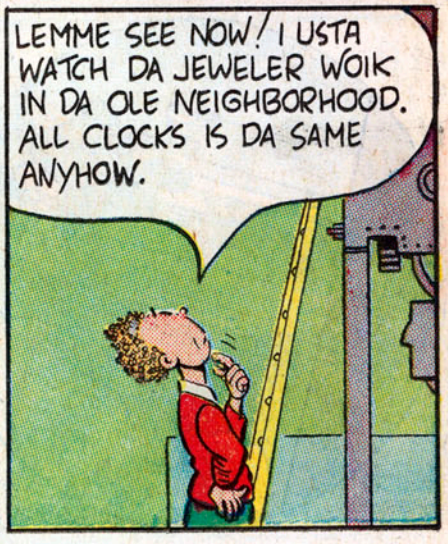




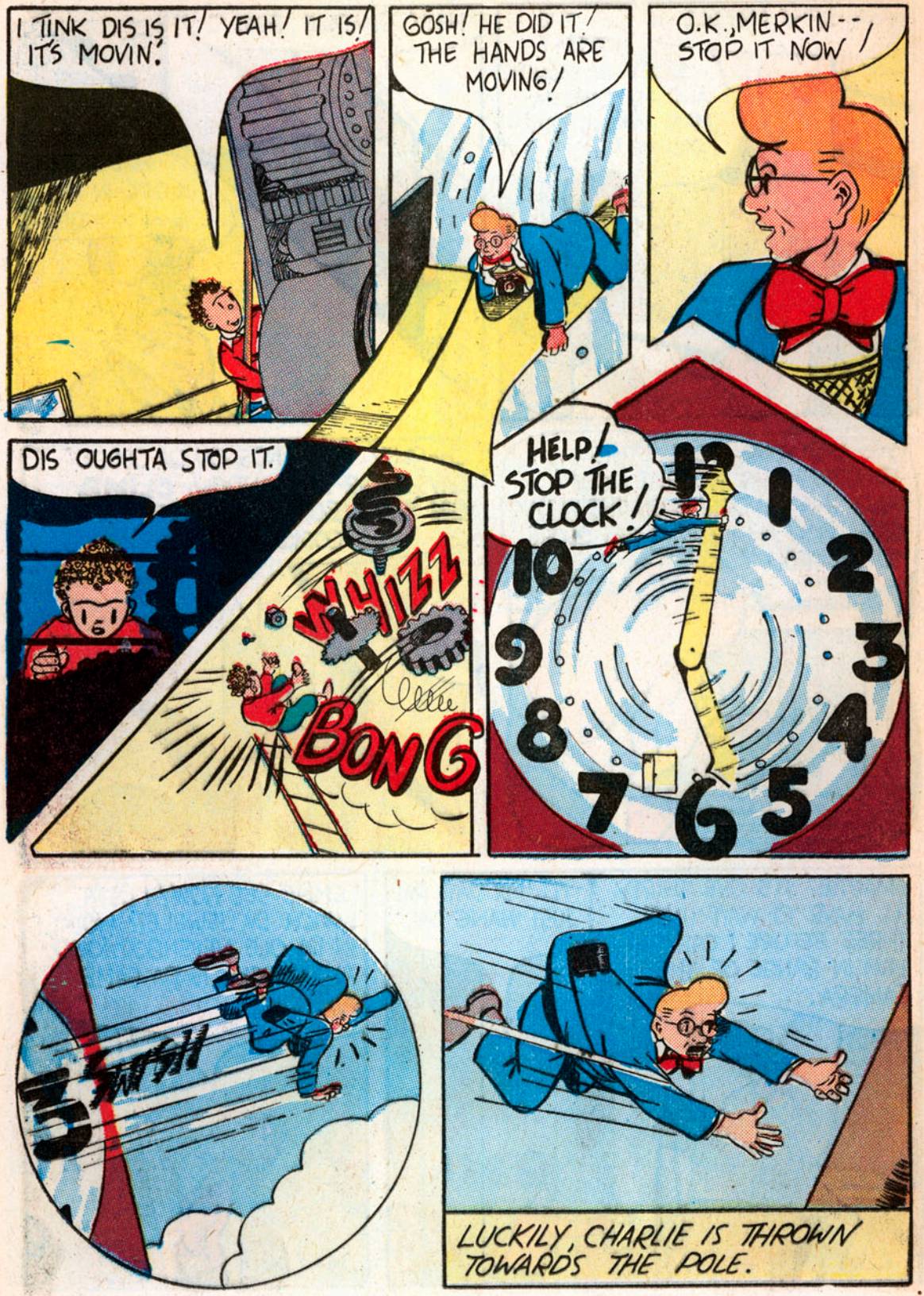








ANSWER No. 7. Yes, some common irises.



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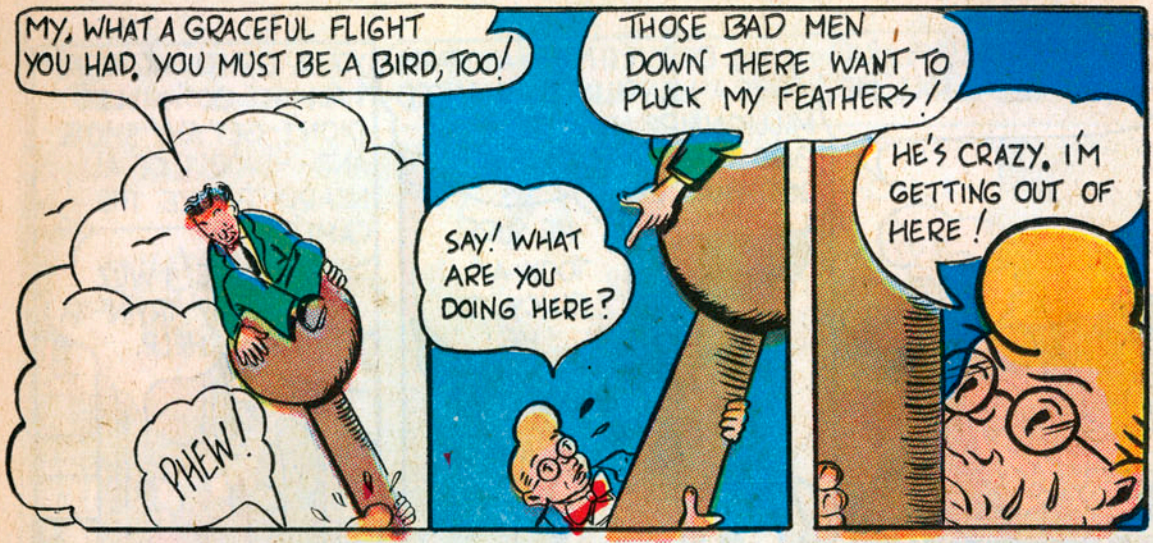
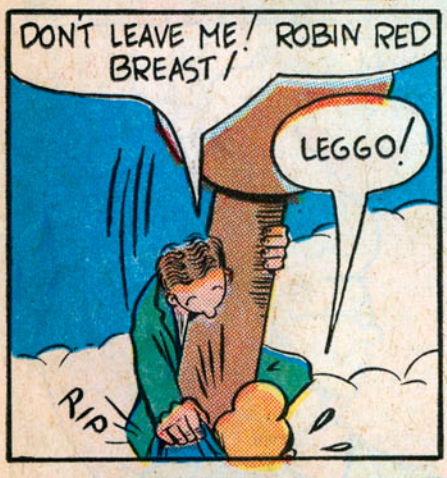
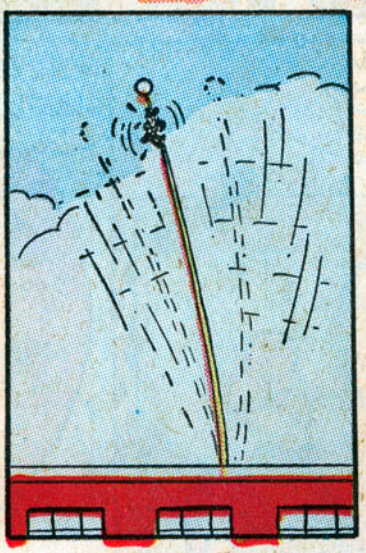
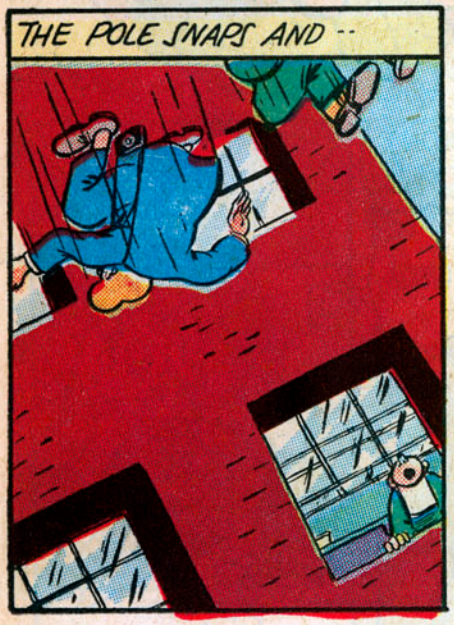
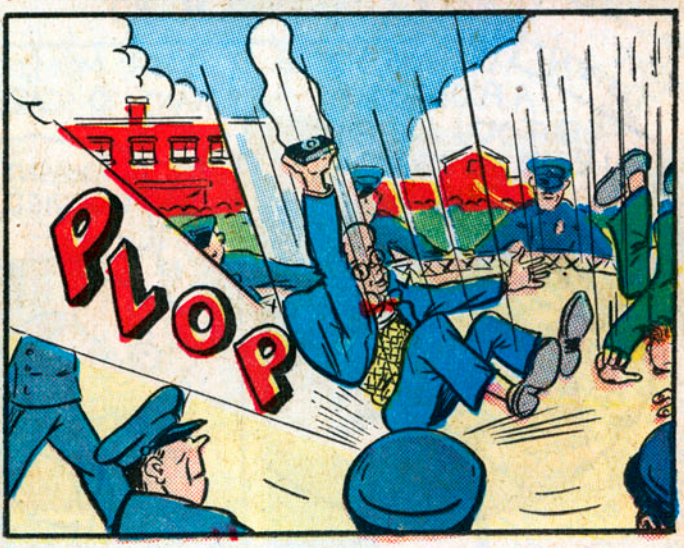


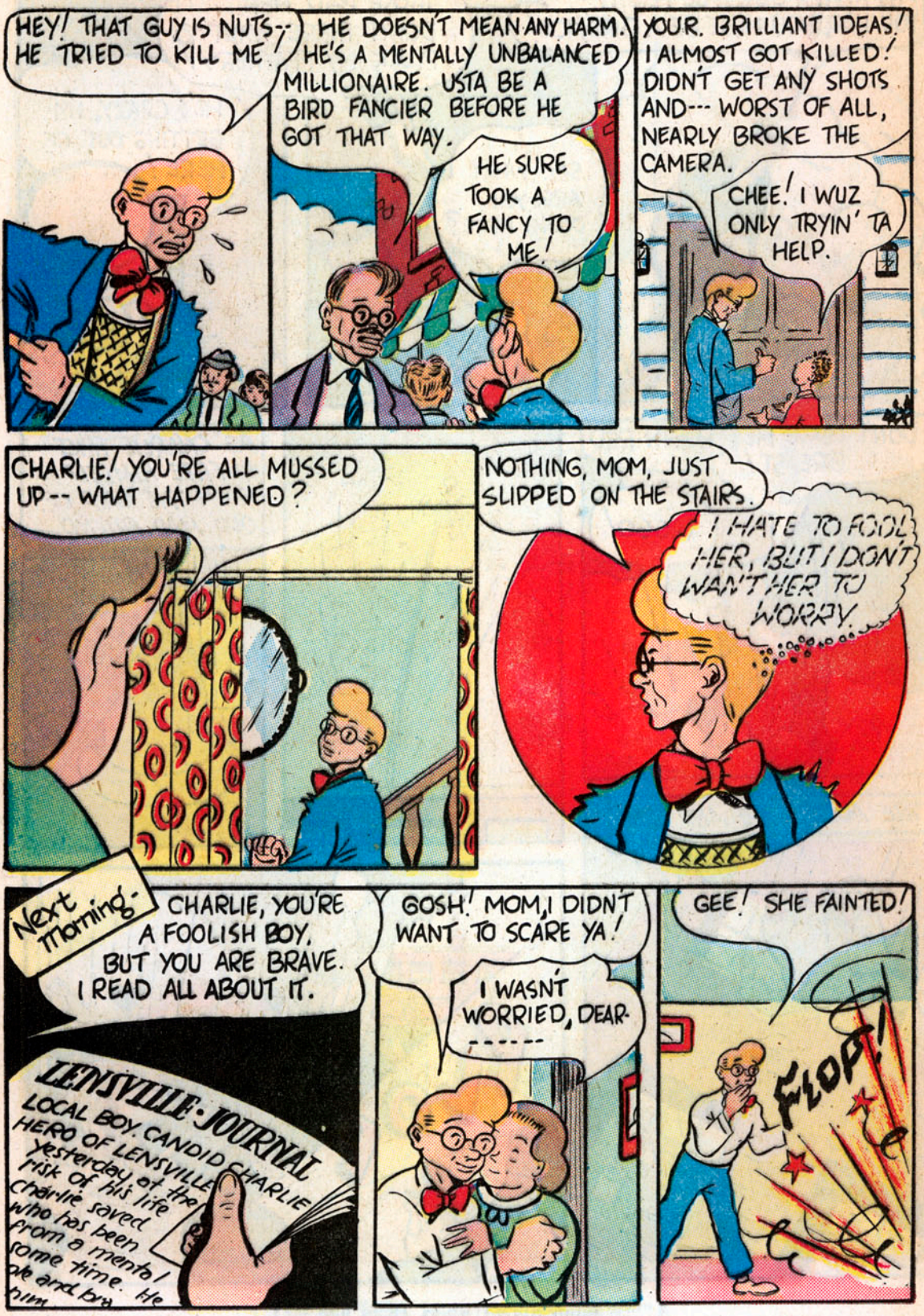








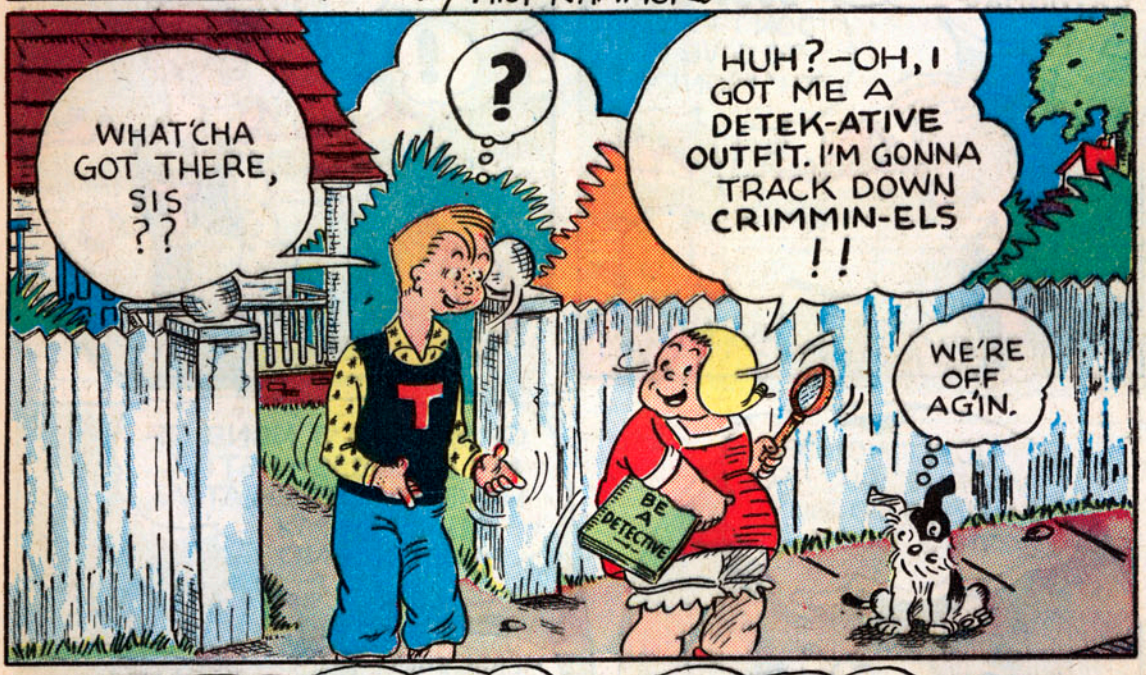
ANSWER No. 8. Yes, and many years before then.



KNOWLEDGE IS THE GREATEST TREASURE
TAKE IT NOW IN ITS FULL MEASURE.

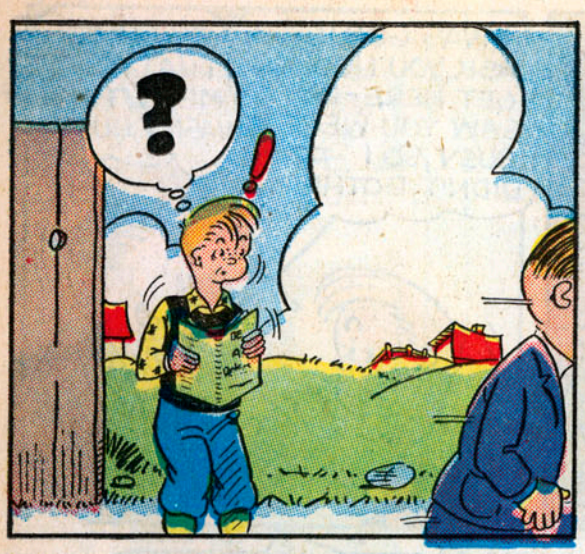
SPECK, SPOT and SIS

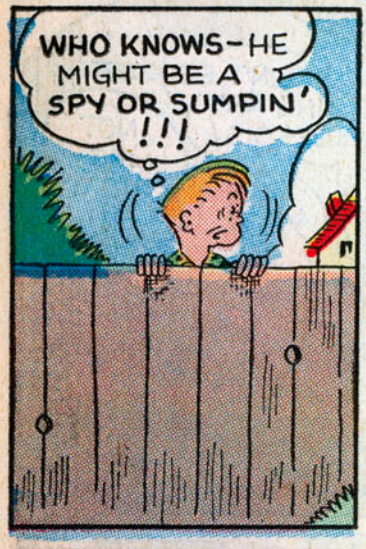
by MILT HAMMER

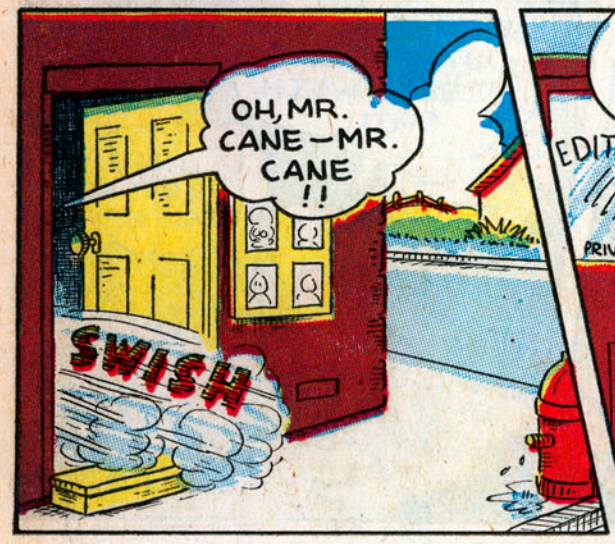


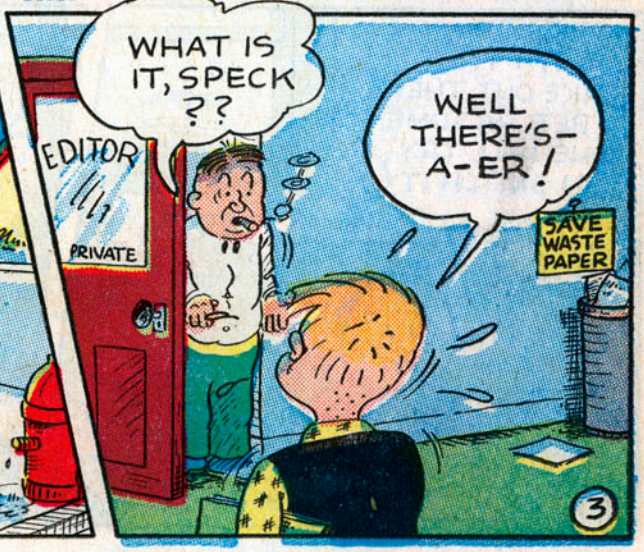
DON'T SACRIFICE YOUR BOOKS AND STUDIES
LEAVE WORKING TO YOUR OLDER BUDDIES.

QUESTION No. 9. **Which U. S. President is found on a 25c piece?**

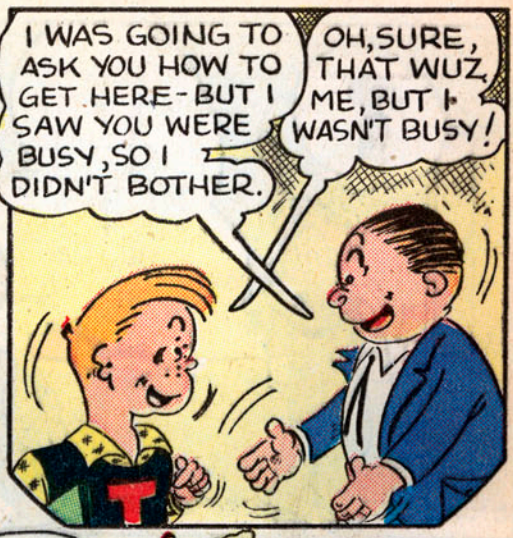


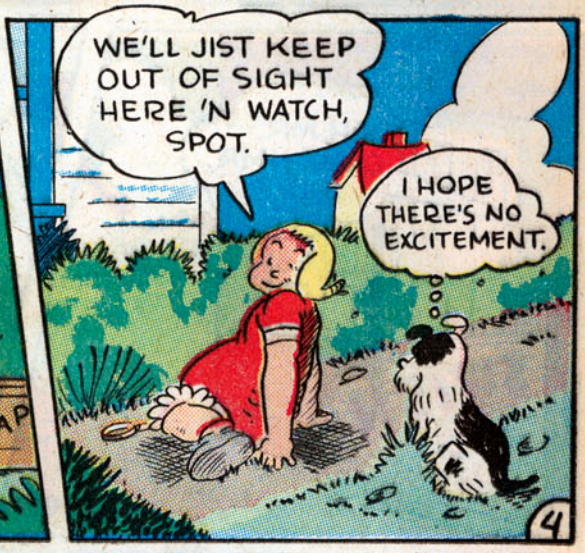






ANSWER No. 9. Washington, first President of our land.

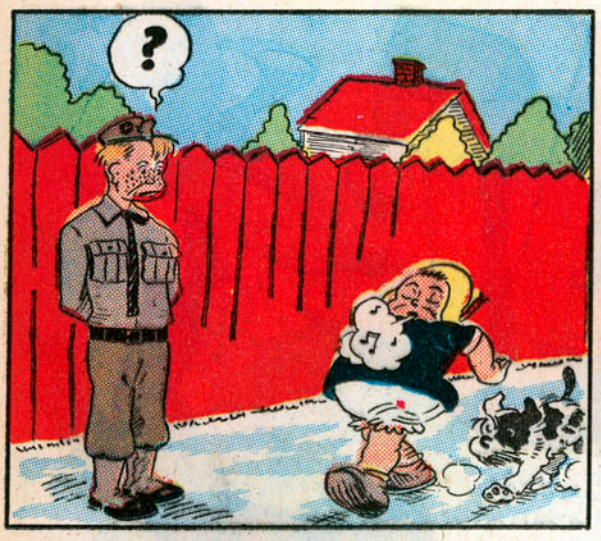


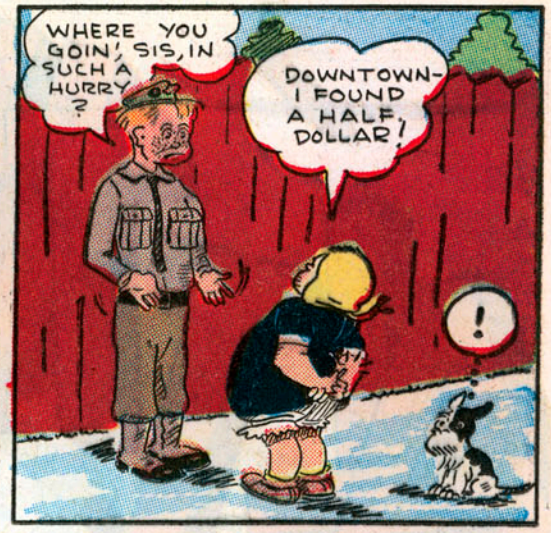


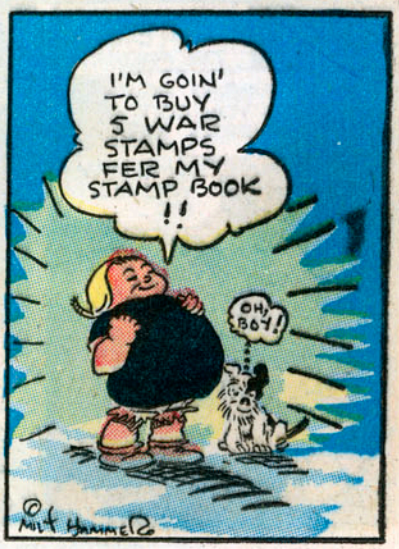
QUESTION No. 10. What very important suggestion is made on this page?

ANSWER No. 10. SAVE WASTE PAPER!!

SAVE EVERY SCRAP OF WASTE PAPER.







SAVE EVERY SCRAP OF WASTE PAPER.

ALT. TIDE

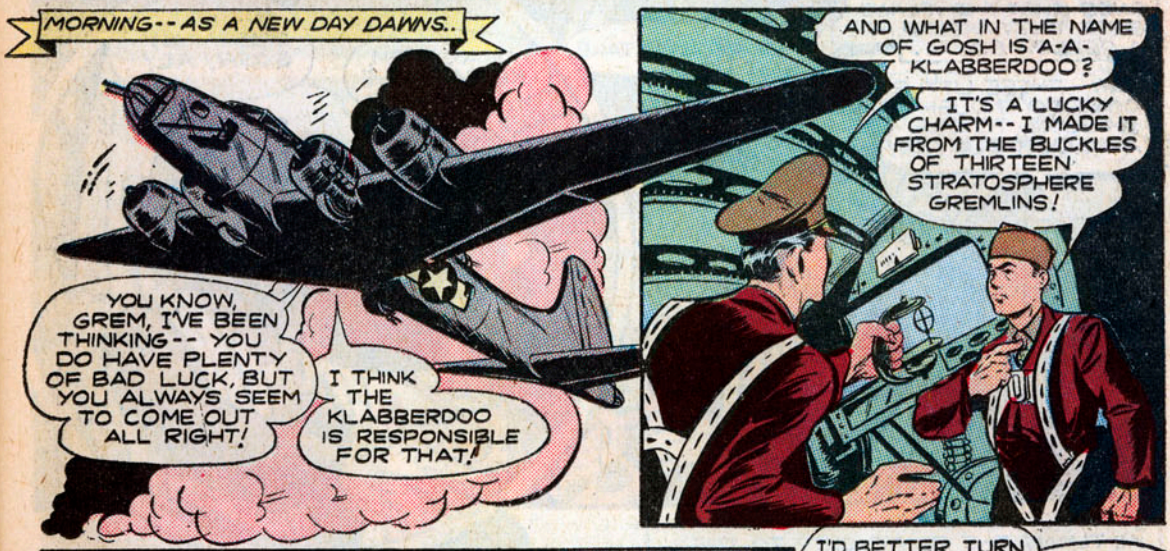
MY GOSH, GREM-- DO SOMETHING!

HUH? OKAY-- KLABBERDOO, KLABBERDOO, BRING ME LUCK LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO!

AL WENT ALONG ON A SURPRISE RAID OF A JAP-HELD ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC-- FOR ONE THING, HE FIGURED HE'D BE GETTING AWAY FROM THE JINX GUY, GREM O'LYNN! HOWEVER, GREM, TOO HAS VOLUNTEERED AND THE JAPS ARE IN FOR SOME SURPRISE WHEN THESE TWO DARING U.S. ARMY PILOTS DROP IN ON THEM WITH THE FABULOUS KLABBERDOO!

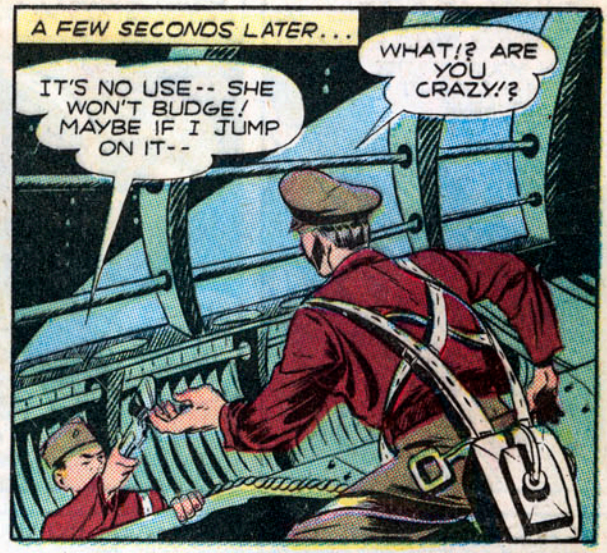
BY FRED BELL

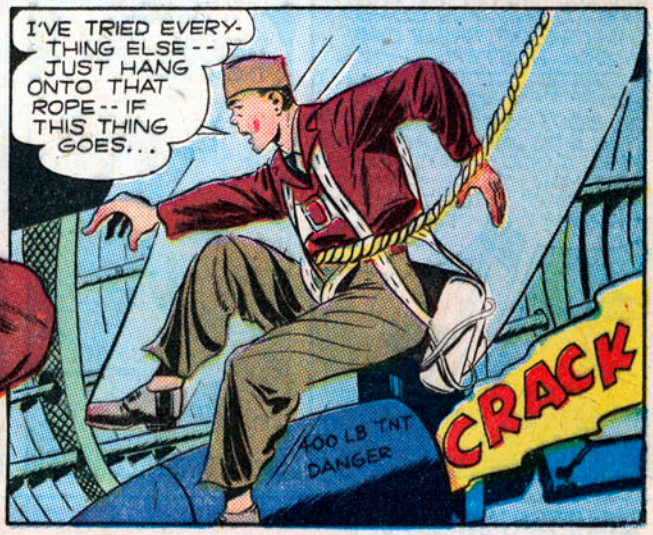
QUESTION No. 11. **Which is the King of Japanese mountains?**

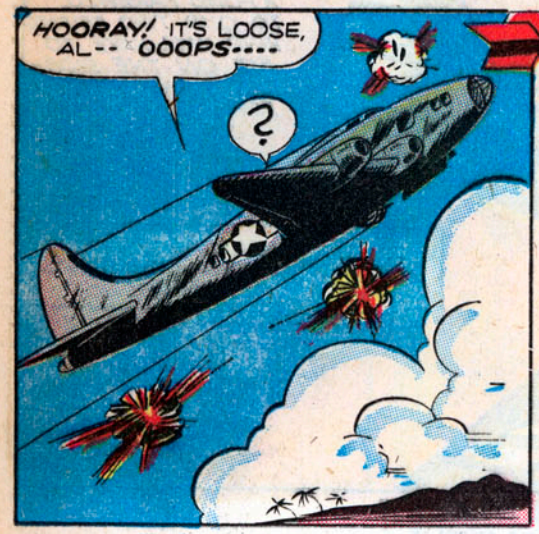


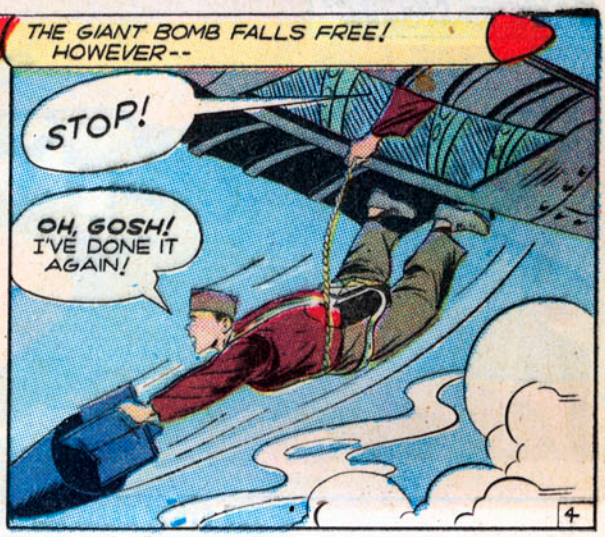
ANSWER No. 11. Fujiyama whose highest point is 12,395 feet above sea level.

QUESTION No. 12. Are there any gyroscopes in this bomber?

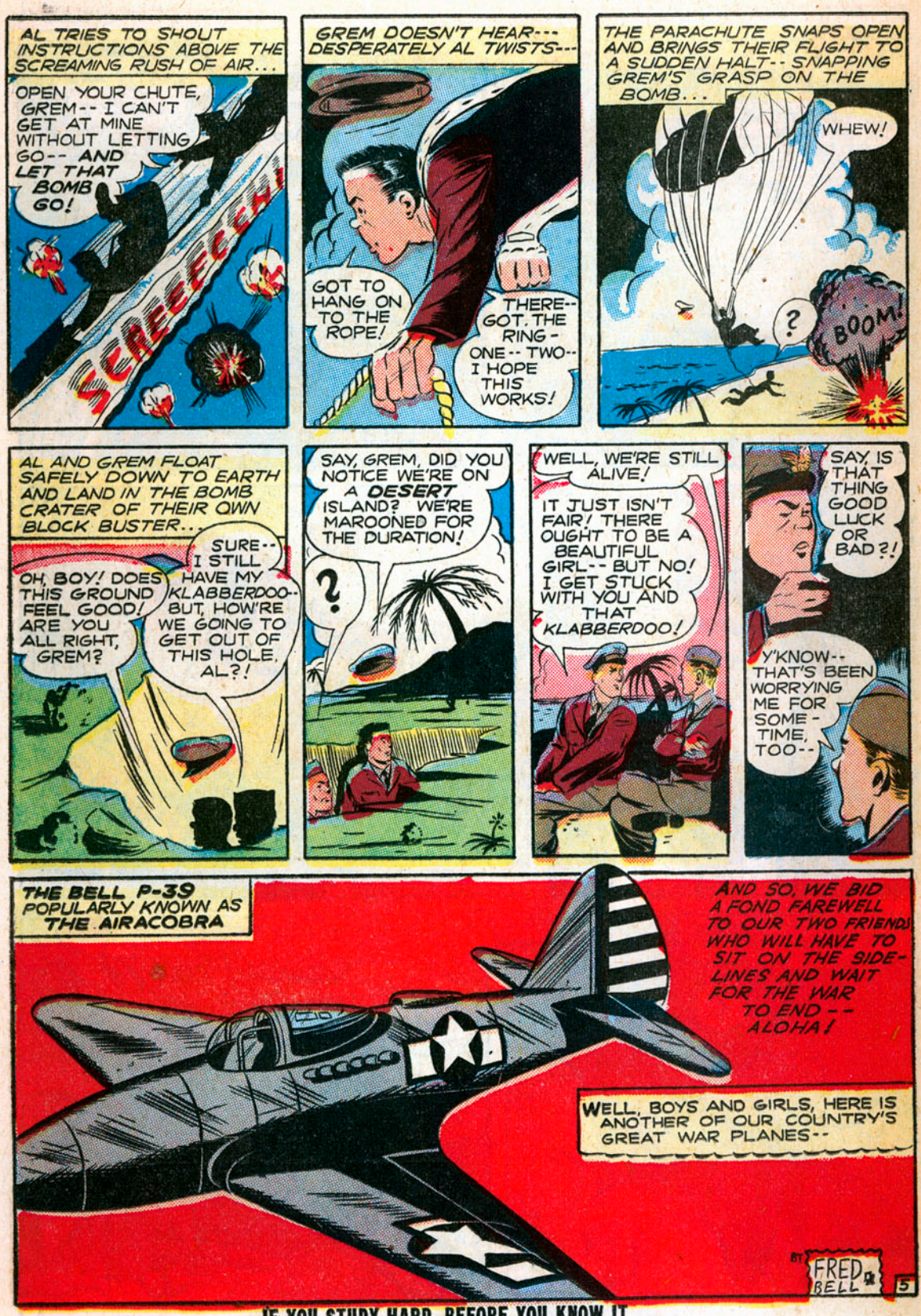








ANSWER No. 12. Yes, certainly in the automatic pilot.

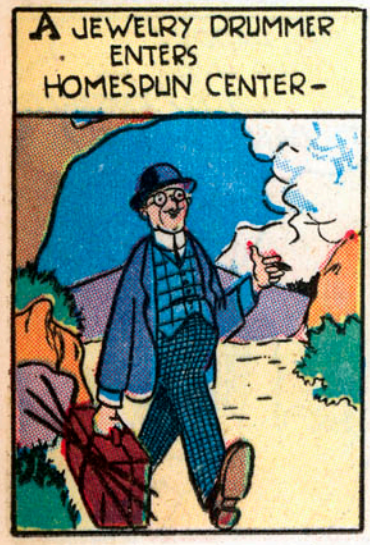


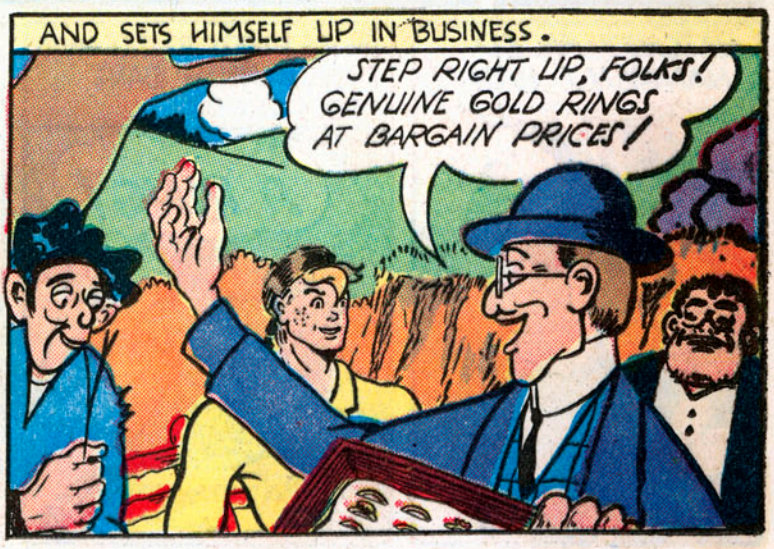
IF YOU STUDY HARD, BEFORE YOU KNOW IT BETTER MARKS ARE BOUND TO SHOW IT.

DAN'L FLANNEL

B. G. Guth

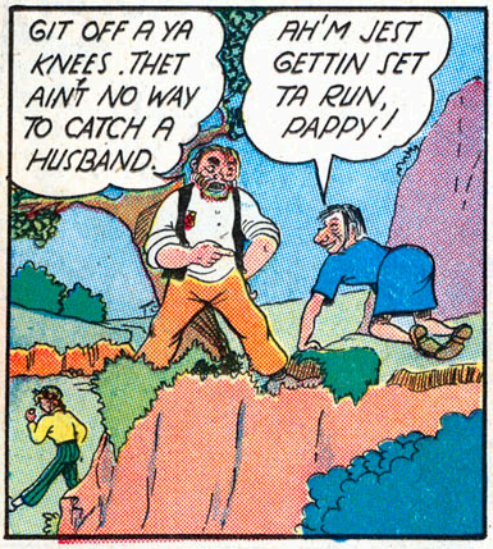
A LITTLE RING SUDDENLY BECOMES A VERY BIG THING IN DAN'L FLANNEL'S LIFE.

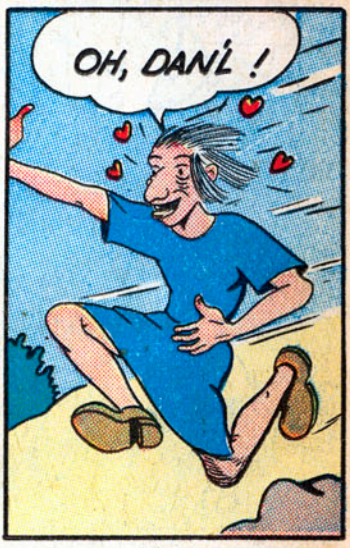


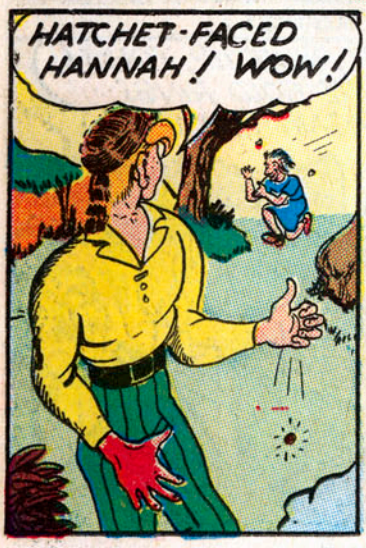


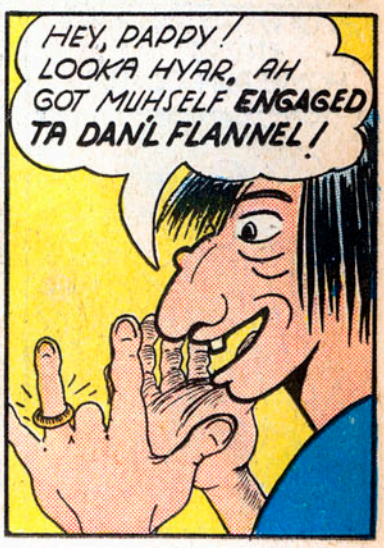
KEEP SCHOOL MARKS HIGH AND YOU WILL SCORE WITH ALL THE MEN WHO FIGHT THIS WAR.

AND WHILE DAN'L IS ADMIRING THE RING, HARDSCRABBLE SCRIBBLE AND HIS DAUGHTER, THE UGLIEST GIRL IN HOMESPUN CENTER, ARE SNEAKING UP ON HIM. WATCH OUT DAN'L! SHE'S GOT A GLEAM IN HER EYES.

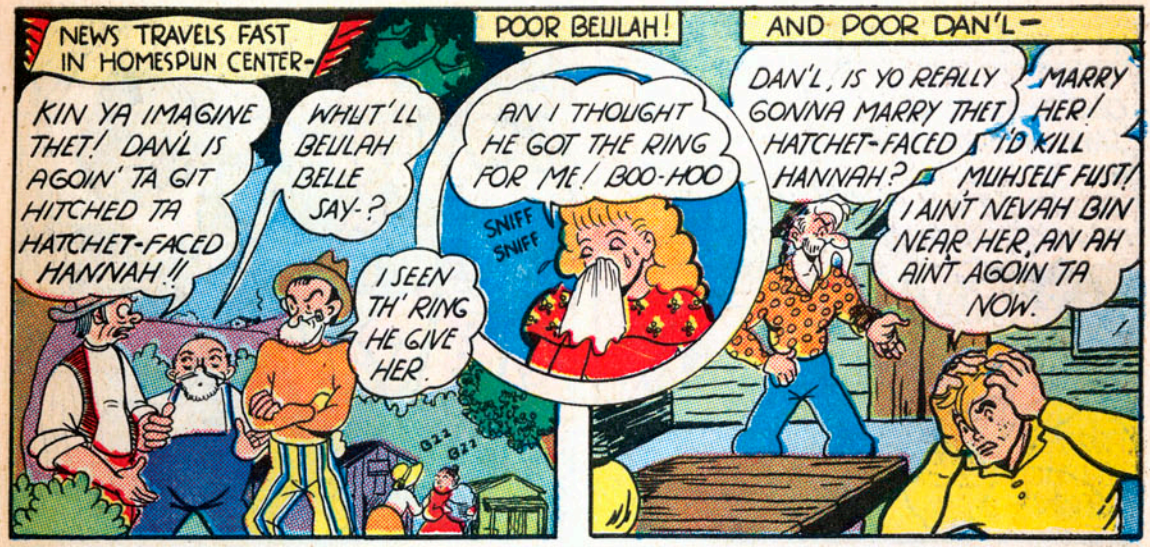


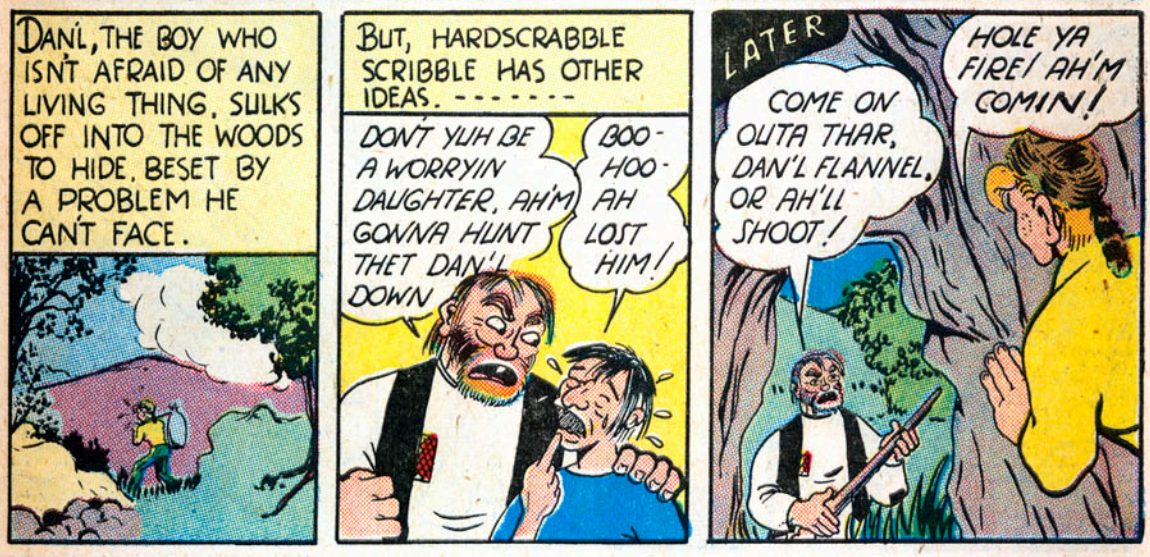


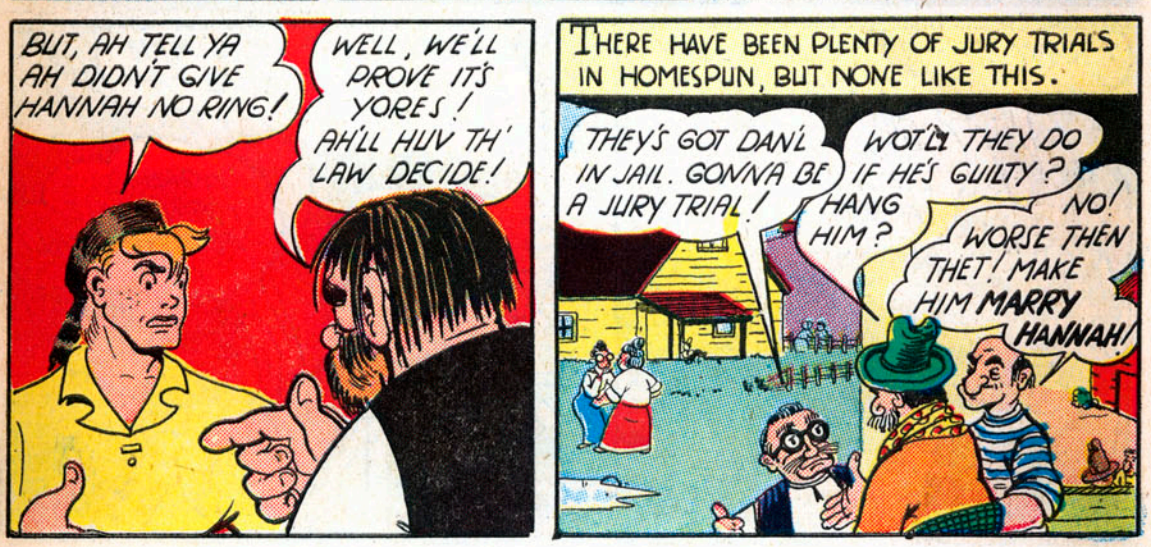




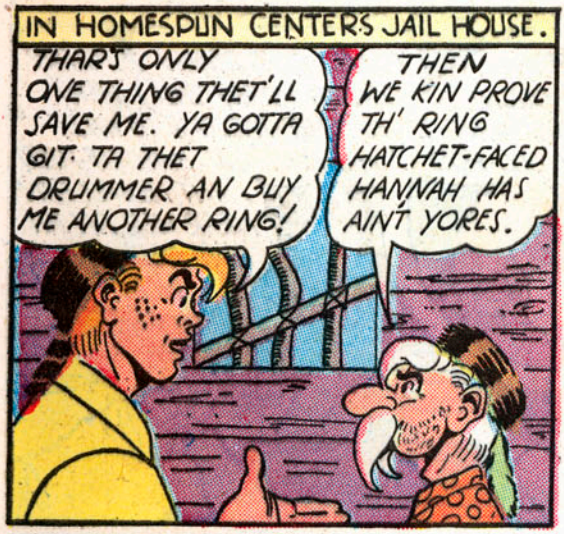
QUESTION No. 13. Has the wedding ring always been worn on the 3rd finger, left hand?

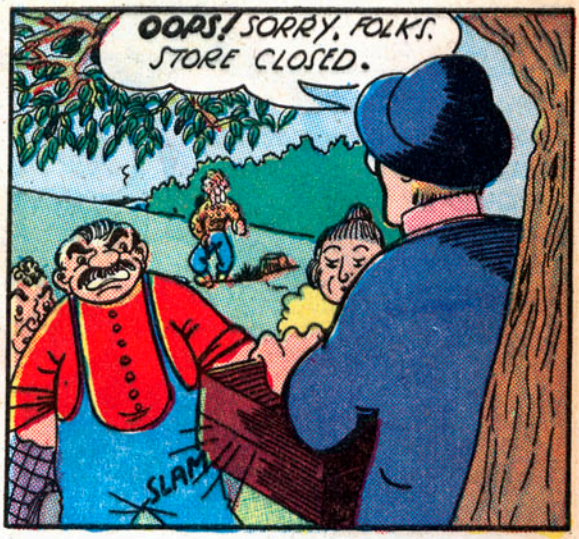


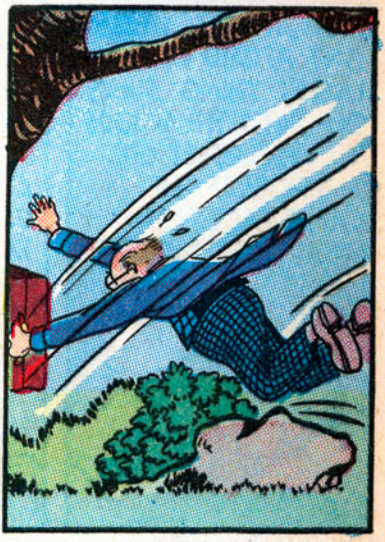


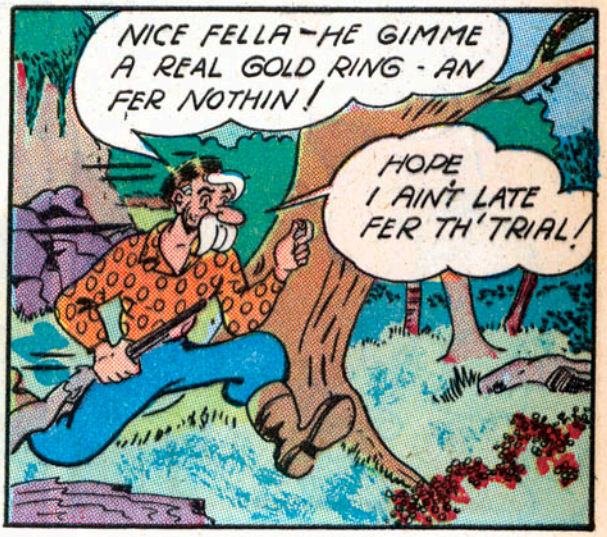


ANSWER No. 13 No. In medieval times it was often worn on the thumb.



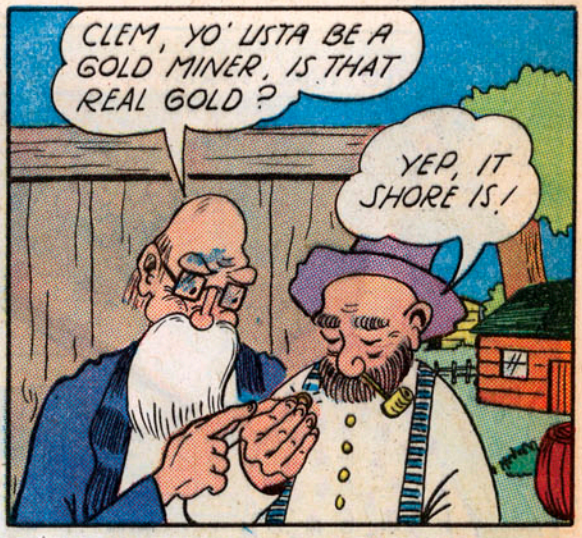


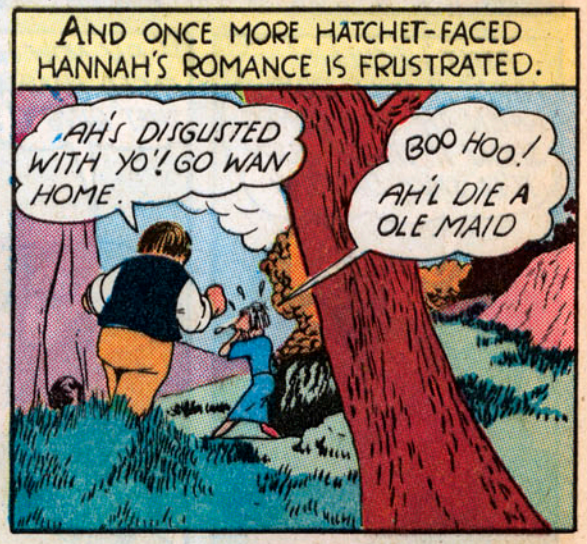


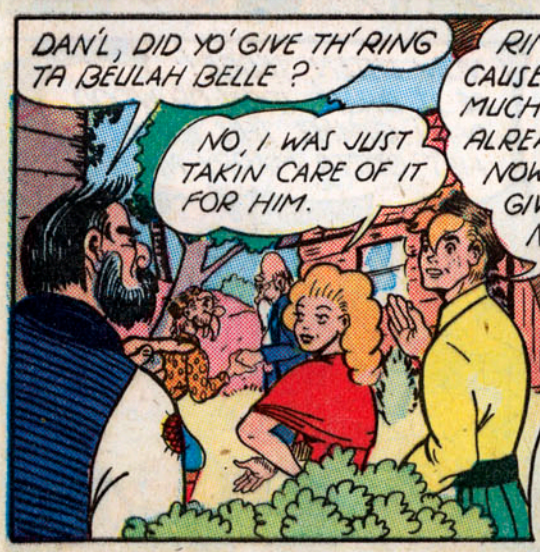


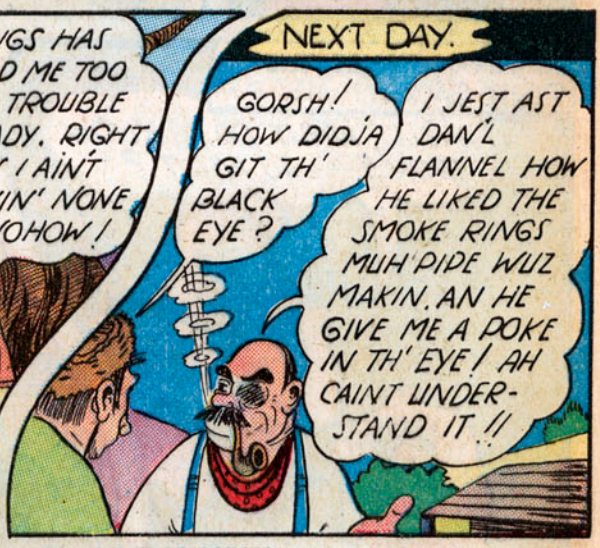
QUESTION No. 14. **Is brass an element, as are iron and tin?**

ANSWER No. 14. No. Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.









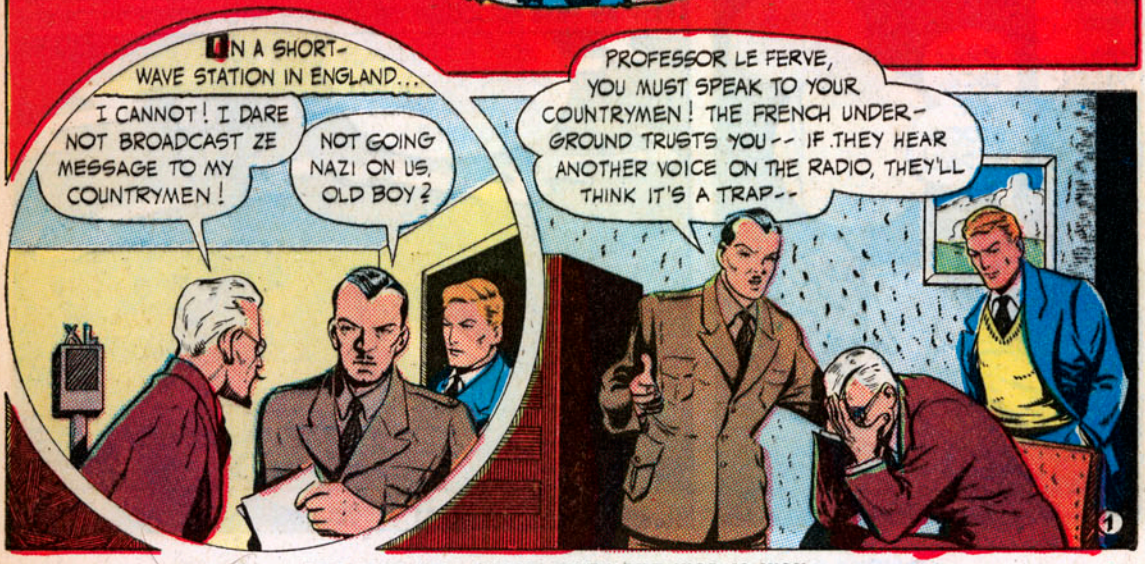
HELP WIN THIS WAR WHILE YOU'RE AT SCHOOL
ALWAYS OBEY THE GOLDEN RULE.

PETE STOCKBRIDGE

The CHAMELEON

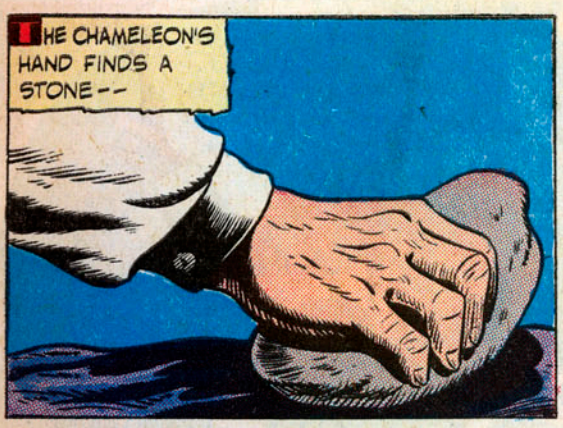
THE NAZIS THOUGHT THEY HAD STOPPED THE INSPIRING WORDS THAT PROFESSOR LE FERVE BROADCAST TO THE FRENCH UNDERGROUND, BUT THEY DID NOT RECKON WITH THE NIMBLE WIT AND DARING COURAGE OF The CHAMELEON!..

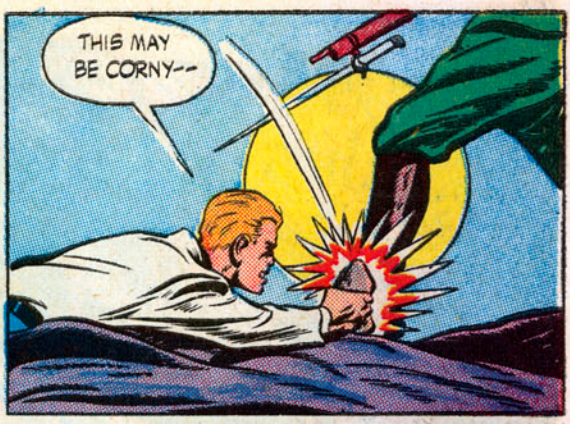
BY DON RICO

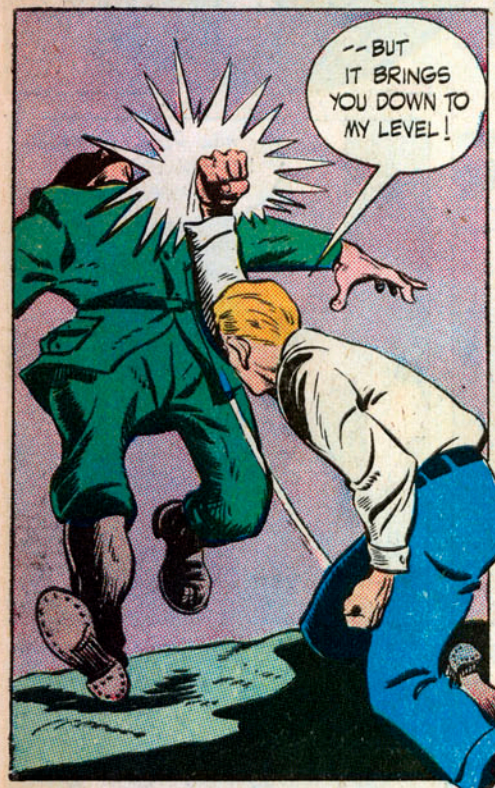


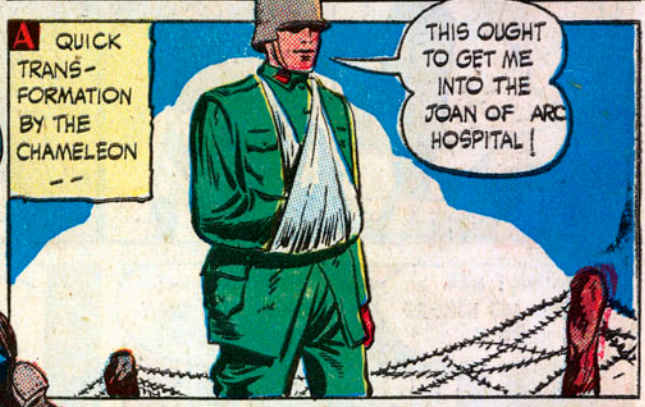
THE BOYS WILL CHEER WHEN THE WAR IS WON
IF YOU CAN SAY, "MY JOB'S WELL DONE!"

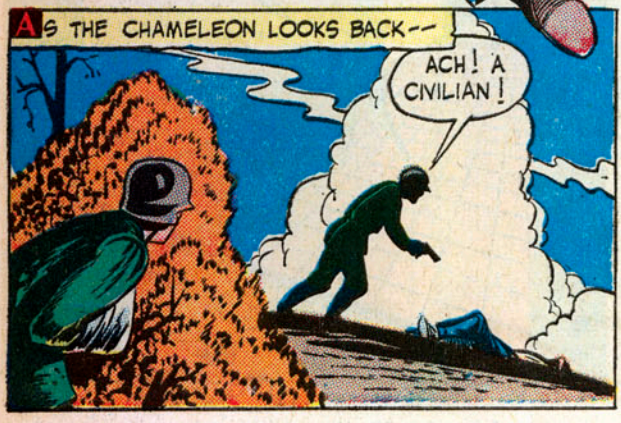
QUESTION No. 15. On the opposite page, what does "ersatz" mean?





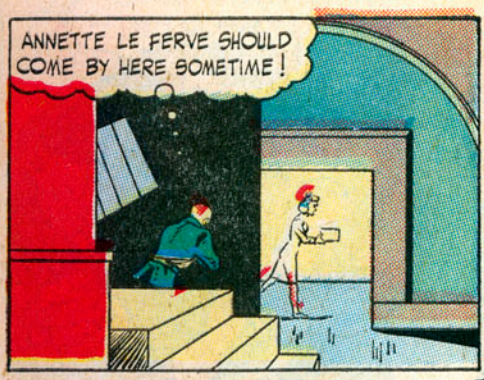


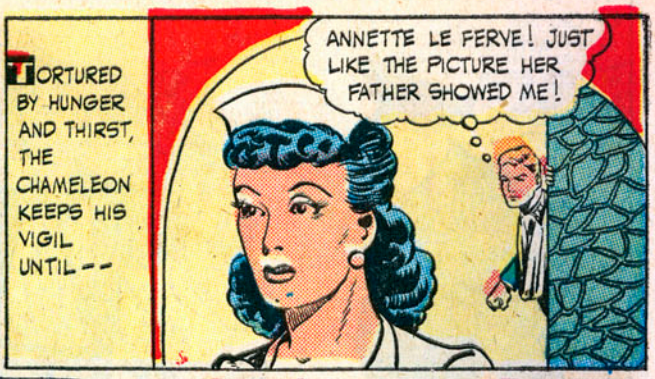


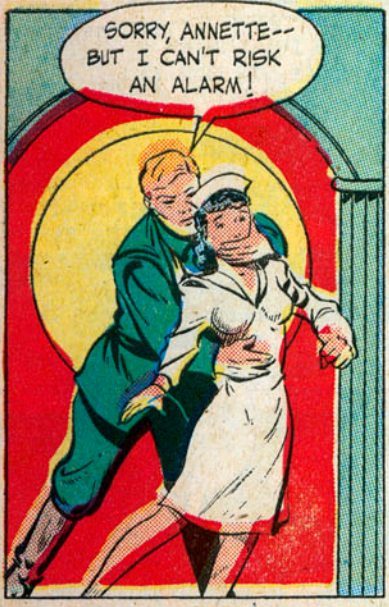


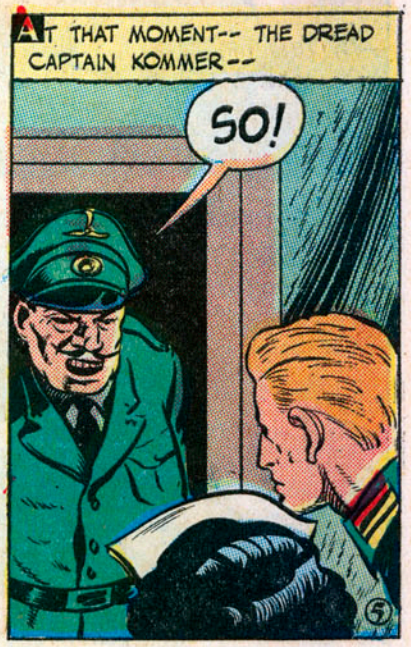
ANSWER No. 15. It means substitute materials, synthetics.

QUESTION No. 16. Does the Seine River empty into the Mediterranean?









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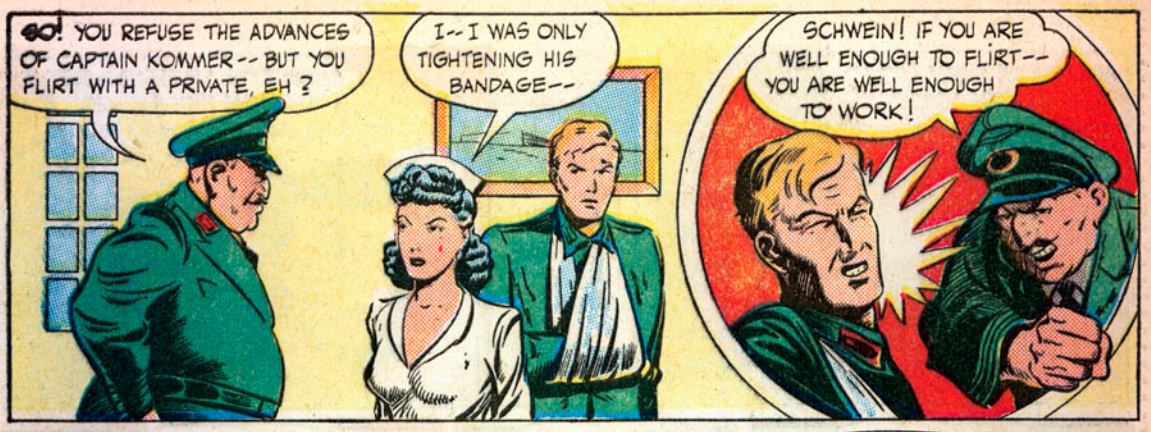

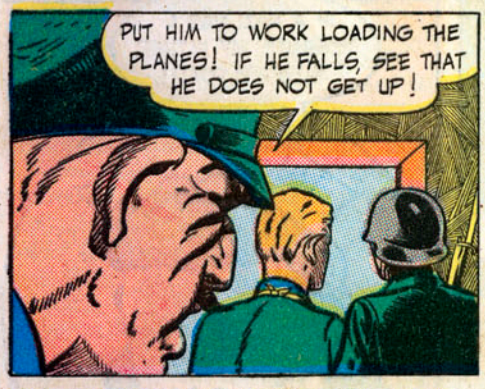

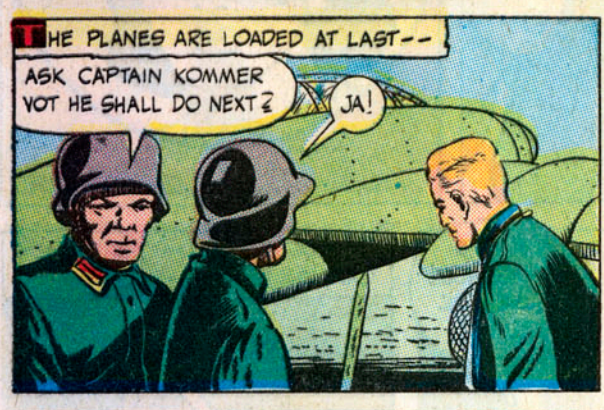

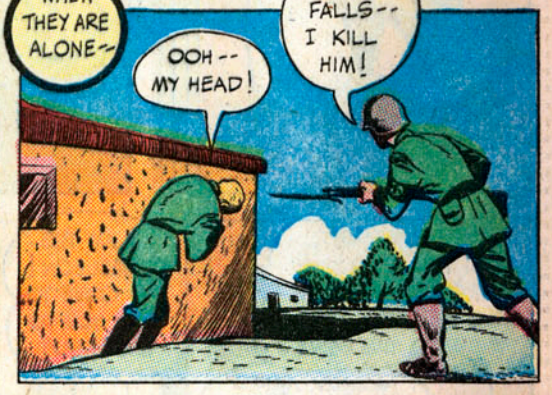

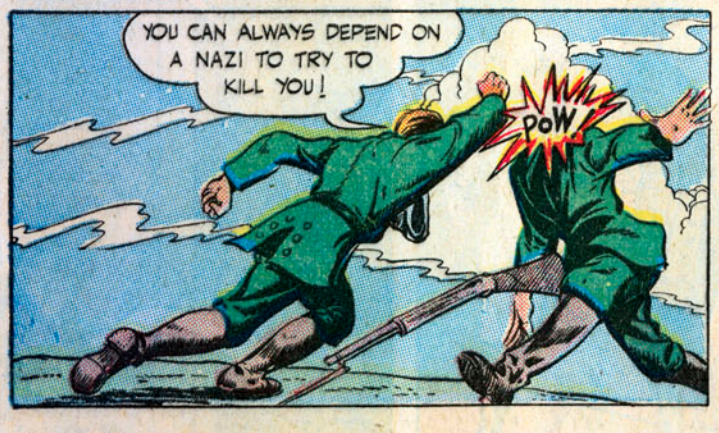

QUESTION No. 17. Did the swastika originate with the Nazis?

ANSWER No. 17. No. It is an ancient symbol.

OH, SPIKE!!

By PAM ROBINSON

JIMMY slid from the saddle and strode into the general store. He heard the clicking of the Western Union key and wondered absently what message would be coming in so early in the morning. It was barely six o'clock.

"Hi, Mr. Granger," he greeted the lank man behind the long counter. "I need some supplies."

"Sure, Jimmy." The storekeeper smiled, then glanced toward the door. "Where's that dog of yours? You're one boy I never thought I'd see without his dog!"

"Spike's at the cabin," Jimmy laughed. "Pop lit out to High Canyon yesterday so there's no one at the ranch. Thought I'd leave Spike to sort of mind it."

"Mighty fine dog," Mr. Granger observed. "Now what'll it be?"

Jimmy outlined the needed supplies and was watching Mr. Granger collect them when Ted, the telegraph operator, cried out, "Jumping catfish!" He rushed over to Mr. Granger and waved a piece of paper in his face. "Fire raging on High Ridge. Them ranches above the Belt will be isolated afore they know what hit 'em. Someone's got to warn them pronto!" he screamed.

"Your cabin is in direct line of that fire, son," Mr. Granger said quietly to Jimmy. The young boy nodded silently. "No one's here but you to warn those ranches, though," he mumbled.

"You'd have to take the upper road, Jimmy," Mr. Granger continued. "Couldn't go to your cabin first." He added, thoughtfully, "Spike's a mighty fine dog."

"I know," the boy said with difficulty. "Don't worry, Mr. Granger, I'm riding to the ranches now."

"Good boy," the older man said softly, and grasped his hand warmly.

Jimmy flung open the door and was in the saddle before the storekeeper could say more.

"Oh, Spike," the boy said, his voice thick with tears. "Oh, Spike." But he rode hard for the high ground above the Belt to warn the ranchers.

It was late afternoon when Jimmy returned dejectedly into town. All the ranchers were gathered around Mr. Granger's pot-bellied stove, drinking strong, black coffee, for the day had been a tough one and the fire a difficult one to beat. Jimmy closed the door softly behind him and slouched down on the nearest chair before he heard the low whine of a very tired dog. Spike crawled slowly toward his young master and Jimmy was down on his knees with his arms around his dog before Mr. Granger spoke.

"Yep," he grinned, "Spike's a mighty fine dog, all right. Jumped clean through the cabin window and then, by golly, rounded up all your sheep and drove them clear of danger. He's a bit tuckered out and has a few slashes from that broken glass, but will be right as rain 'fore long."

"Golly," Jimmy murmured, and then buried his face in Spike's bushy neck and cried in his relief.

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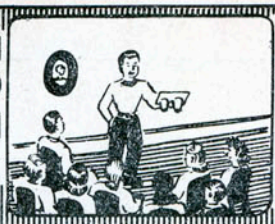

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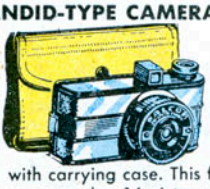

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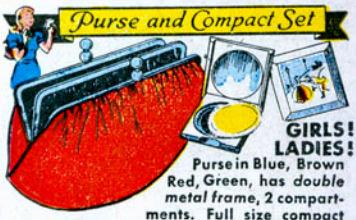

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